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THE INSPECTOR

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THE
CASE OF
**THE
MENACING
MASQUERADER**



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PLUS THE **PINK** PANTHER **SPRING
FEVER**

MENACING MASQUERADE

"THE PAY I RECEIVE AS A FEARLESS FIGHTER OF CRIME COMPELS ME AT TIMES TO MOONLIGHT AS A BABY SITTER! I WAS THUS EMPLOYED WHEN I HEARD A KNOCKING AT THE DOOR."

KNOCK!
KNOCK!
KNOCK!

BAW!

YUMMY! THIS
BABY GRUEL DOESN'T
TASTE HALF BAD!
(SLURP!)

COME
IN!

"IT WAS THE COMMISSIONER! HE
WAS IN DESPERATE NEED OF A
FEARLESS FIGHTER OF CRIME!"

INSPECTOR! QUICK-
CHANGE CHARLIE
ESCAPED JAIL AND IS
ON A ROBBING
RAMPAGE! GO GET
HIM!

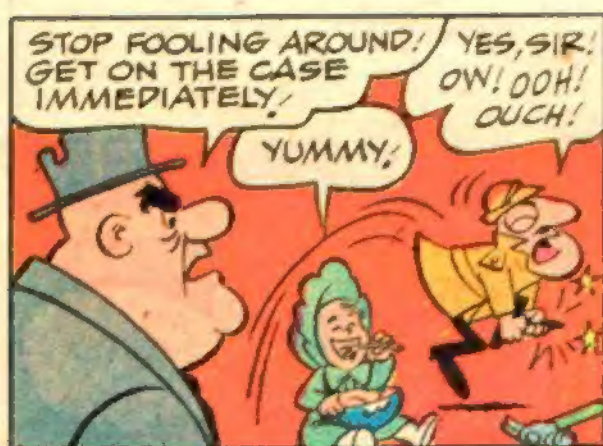
HAVE YOU
EVER
TASTED
BABY
GRUEL?
YUMMY!

HE WAS LAST SEEN
DOWNTOWN, MAS-
QUERADING AS A
LITTLE OLD LADY!

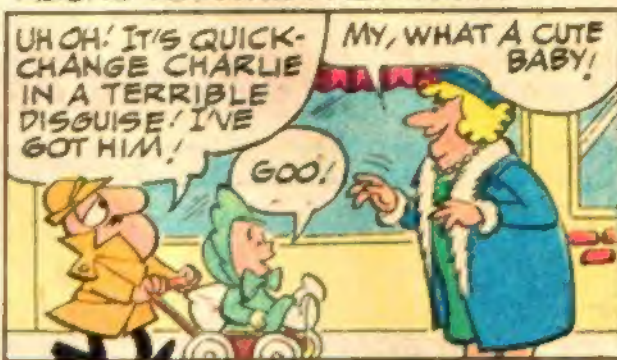
YOWTCH!

GOO!

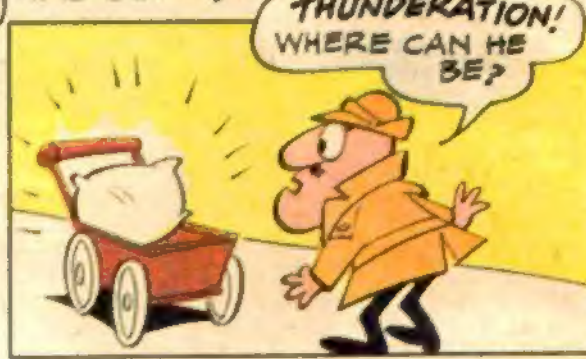
POK!



"THE BABY'S PARENTS WOULDN'T RETURN FOR HOURS, SO I TOOK HIM ALONG FOR THE FRESH AIR!"



"AFTER QUESTIONING THE SUSPECT, I LOOKED AROUND... THE BABY WAS GONE!"



"A SUDDEN CRY FOR HELP FROM THE BANK FROZE ME IN MY TRACKS! WAS QUICK-CHANGE CHARLIE RESPONSIBLE?"



"THEN I SAW HIM... CRAWLING INTO THE BANK!"

"ALL WAS CON-
FUSION IN THE
BANK AS I
PICKED UP THE
BABY!"

.... HE TOOK THE MONEY AND
SEEMED TO DISAPPEAR
INTO THIN
AIR!

THAT WAS
QUICK-CHANGE
CHARLIE, ALL
RIGHT!

GOO!

DON'T ANYBODY LEAVE! ONE OF
YOU IS QUICK-CHANGE
CHARLIE IN DISGUISE!

GOO!

"WHAT HAPPENED NEXT STUNNED ME!"

DOUBLE
THUNDERA-
TION!

HERE! I FOUND
YOUR OTHER TWIN
CRAWLING
ON THE
FLOOR!

GOO!

GOO!

"ONE OF THE BABIES HAD TO BE QUICK-
CHANGE CHARLIE! I KNEW HOW TO
FIND OUT!"

WHICH ONE
OF YOU BABIES
WOULD LIKE
SOME
BABY
GRUEL?

PHOOEY!

YUMMY!

YOU'RE QUICK-
CHANGE CHARLIE!

DRAT!

"A
SUDDEN
BLURRED
MOVE
AND
HE
BECAME
HIM-
SELF!"

HOW DID YOU KNOW I
HATE BABY
GRUEL?

ULG!

"HE DASHED OUT INTO THE STREET
AS I TRIED TO REASON WITH HIM!"

STOP! YOU'RE MATCH-
ING WITS WITH A
FEARLESS FIGHTER
OF CRIME!
ARG!

OH,
BUG
OFF!

"I SPRINT-ED AFTER HIM, BUT HE WAS GONE!"

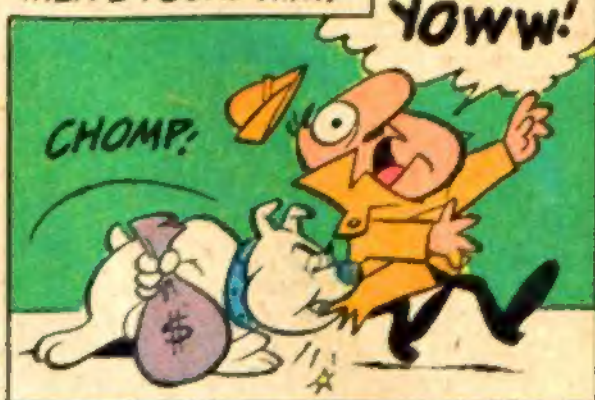
I'VE LOST HIM! HE COULD BE ANYBODY! ANY-THING!



"THEN I FOUND HIM."

YOWW!

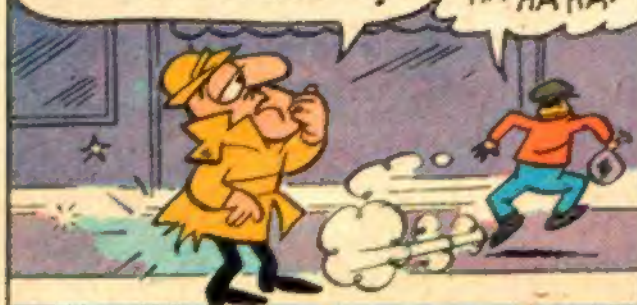
CHOMP!



"AND, JUST AS QUICKLY, LOST HIM AGAIN!"

I'M BEGINNING TO THINK THAT HE'S MORE TRICKY THAN I'M FEARLESS!

ARF! ARF! HA HA HA!



HERE! TAKE YOUR BABY! HE'S HUNGRY!

YES, MA'AM!

BAW!

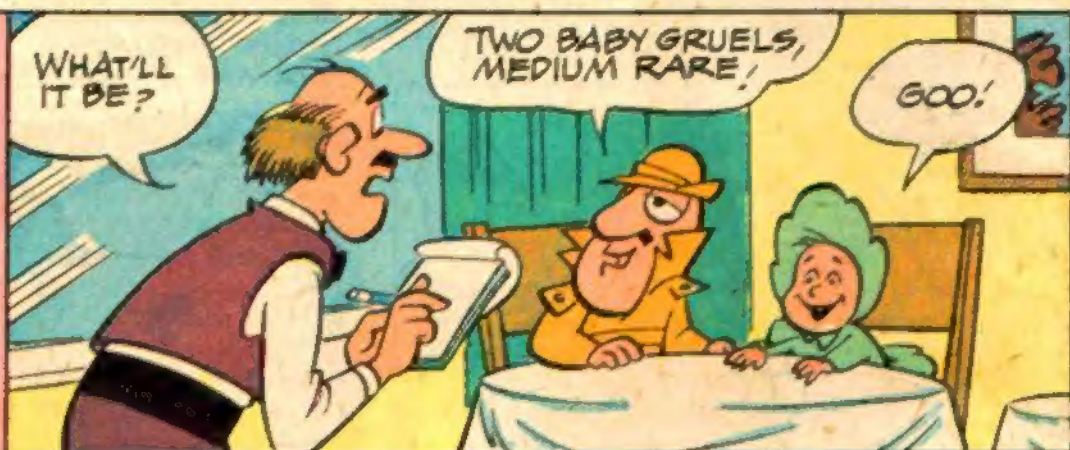


"THE BABY WAS HUNGRY, AND EVEN A FEARLESS FIGHTER OF CRIME HAS TO EAT TO KEEP FIT!"

WHAT'LL IT BE?

TWO BABY GRUELS, MEDIUM RARE!

GOO!



"JUST THEN, TWO SHOTS THUNDERED FROM OUTSIDE! I POISED MYSELF, READY FOR ANY EVENTUALITY!"

BANG! BANG!

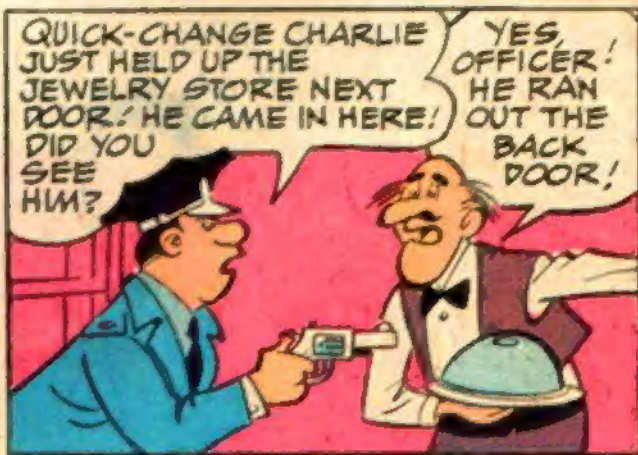
WHAT WAS THAT?

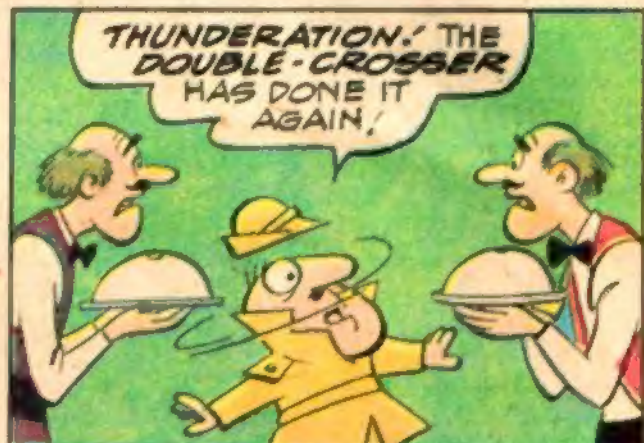
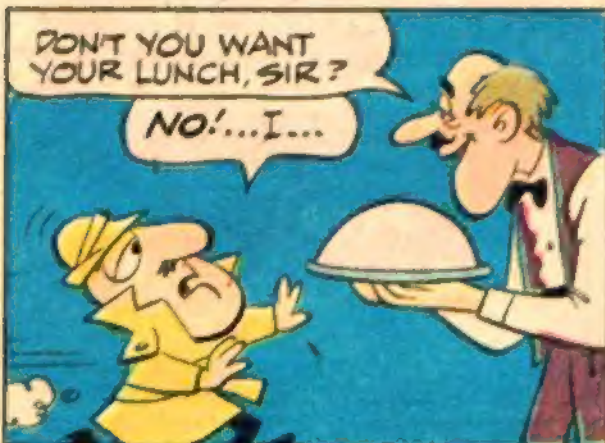
WHEEE!



QUICK-CHANGE CHARLIE JUST HELD UP THE JEWELRY STORE NEXT DOOR! HE CAME IN HERE! DID YOU SEE HIM?

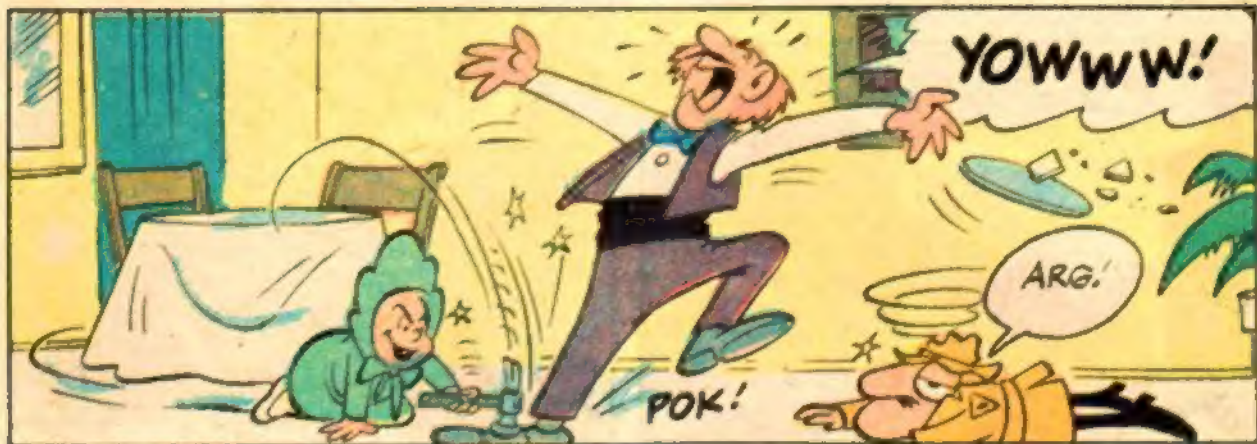
YES, OFFICER! HE RAN OUT THE BACK DOOR!





"WHICH ONE WAS QUICK-CHANGE CHARLIE? THE SOLUTION WAS ELEMENTARY! ONLY THE REAL WAITER KNEW WHAT I HAD ORDERED!"





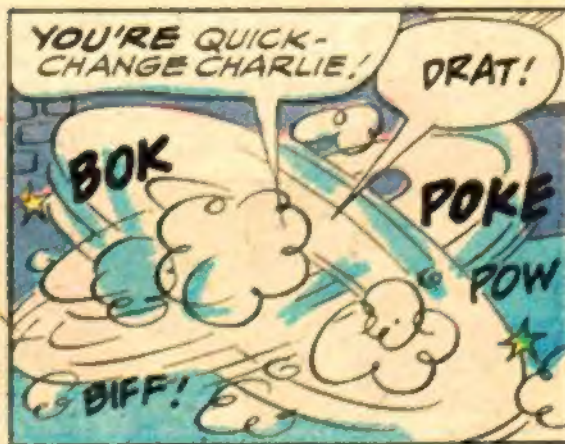
"MOMENTARILY DISTRACTED BY THE BABY'S CHILDISH PRANK, QUICK-CHANGE CHARLE LEFT IN A LIMPING HURRY!"



"I GAVE SWIFT CHASE AND SAW HIM RUN INTO AN ALLEY! I WAS ABOUT TO FOLLOW..."



"...WHEN..."

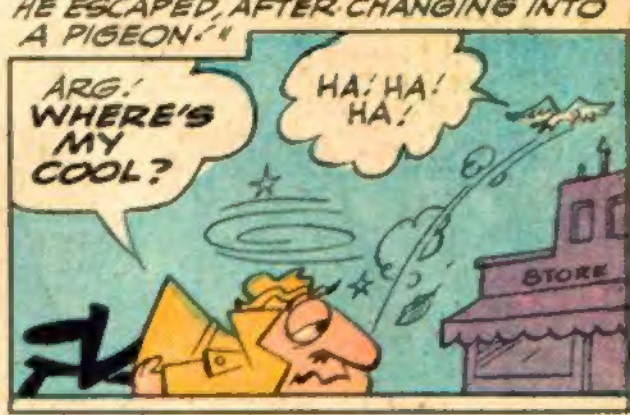
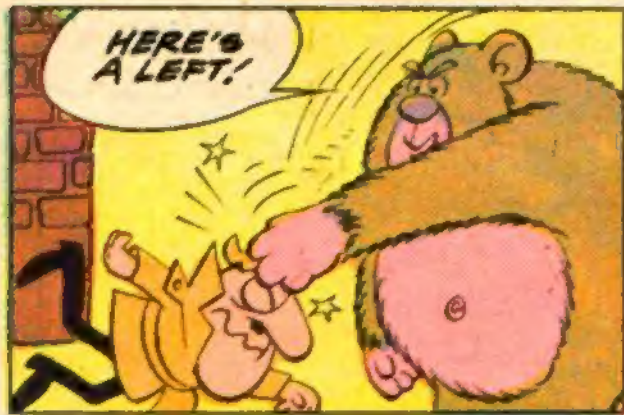


"SUDDENLY, I WAS BESIDE MYSELF WITH FRUSTRATION! IT WAS LIKE LOOKING INTO A MIRROR!"

"I WAS BEGINNING TO DOUBT MY OWN IDENTITY, WHEN I NOTICED SOMETHING..."



"IN A TWINKLING HE BECAME A GORILLA!" "FOR A MOMENT I LOST MY COOL AND HE ESCAPED, AFTER CHANGING INTO A PIGEON."



"I COULDN'T GO AFTER HIM, BECAUSE IT WAS TIME TO TAKE THE BABY HOME!"

"I WENT BACK TO THE HOUSE AND WAITED! THERE WAS A KNOCKING AT THE DOOR!"



THE INSPECTOR

Case of:

THE CREEPY CRAWLER

"KARATE IS ONE OF THE MANY ACCOMPLISHMENTS I USE AS A FEARLESS FIGHTER OF CRIME! MY WORKOUT WAS INTERRUPTED BY THE TELEPHONE..."

SUKI-YAKI!

KRAK

R-R-RING!

"IT WAS THE COMMISSIONER! IT WAS URGENT."

CATCH THE CREEPY CRAWLER? YOU NEED AN EXTERMINATOR! I'M NO BUG CHASER!

INSPECTOR, THE CREEPY CRAWLER IS AN INTERNATIONAL CROOK! GET HIM, OR YOU GO BACK TO PRESSING POLICE UNIFORMS!

JUST A MINUTE, INSPECTOR! THERE'S SOMETHING CRAWLING UNDER MY RUG!

HELP, INSPECTOR! COME ALONG, IT'S THE COMMISSIONER! YOU'RE GOING TO BE MY TICKET OUT OF THE COUNTRY, AFTER I STEAL THE SCHMOPE DIAMOND!

MOVE, COMMISSIONER! I'VE GOT YOU COVERED!

YOU'LL NEVER GET AWAY WITH THIS, YOU CREEPY CROOK! THE INSPECTOR WILL STOP YOU!

ER... I HOPE!

IF I CAPTURE THE CREEPY CRAWLER IT COULD MEAN A RAISE! AND, WHO KNOWS? EVEN, MAYBE, A FREE SEASON'S PASS TO BIZNEYLAND!



"AS I STOPPED FOR A LIGHT, A NOTE FLOATED DOWN AND CAUGHT MY ATTENTION!"

I'D BETTER READ IT! IT MIGHT PROVE IMPORTANT!

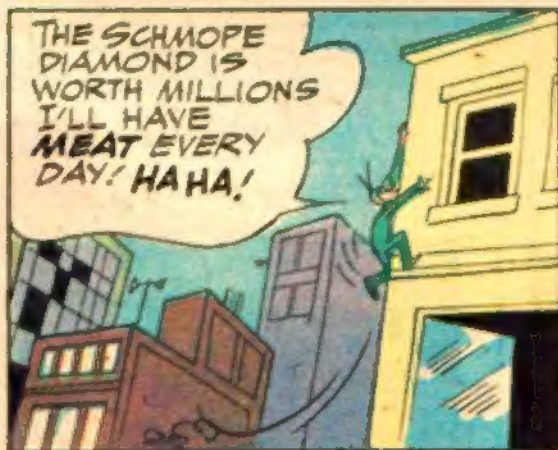


"INSPECTOR: IF YOU EVER WANT TO SEE THE COMMISSIONER AGAIN, YOU'LL NOT INTERFERE WITH MY STEALING THE SCHMOPE DIAMOND! THE CREEPY CRAWLER!"



"I LOOKED UP IN TIME TO SEE THE VILLAIN CRAWL UP THE SIDE OF A BUILDING!"

THE SCHMOPE DIAMOND IS WORTH MILLIONS I'LL HAVE MEAT EVERY DAY! HA HA!



"FORTUNATELY FOR HIM, I'D FORGOTTEN MY SERVICE REVOLVER."

STOP! OR I'LL SHOOT! BANG! BANG!



"I DIDN'T DARE WARN THE SCHMOPES WITHOUT ENDANGERING THE COMMISSIONER!"

THE SCHMOPES ARE GIVING THEIR SON, ROLLO, A BIRTHDAY PARTY TODAY! THAT GIVES ME A GREAT IDEA!



I'LL BE WELCOME AT THE PARTY AND NOBODY WILL KNOW MY TRUE IDENTITY!

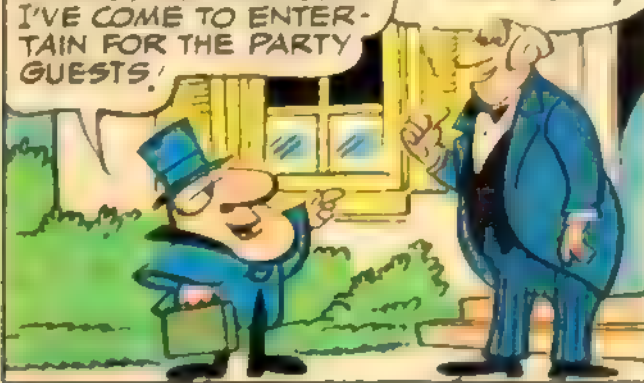


"SHORTLY..."

MARVO, THE MAGICIAN:
I'VE COME TO ENTERTAIN FOR THE PARTY GUESTS!

I'M

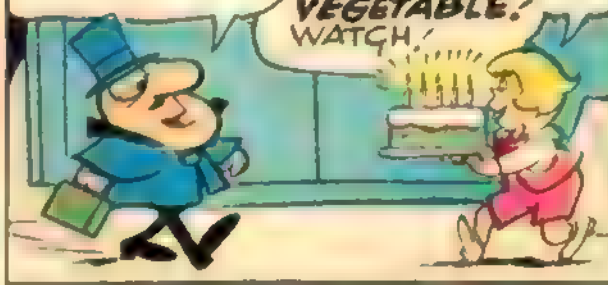
GOOD LUCK!
I JUST QUIT.



"I FELT SORRY FOR LITTLE ROLLO!
HE HAD NO GUESTS!"

HI, THERE, ROLLO!
DO YOU LIKE
MAGIC TRICKS?

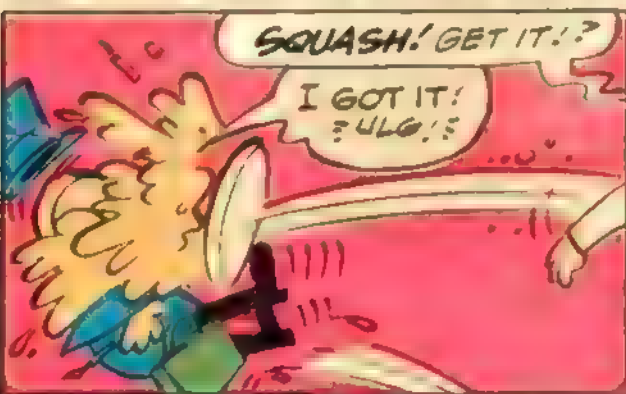
SURE! I CAN
CHANGE A BIRTH-
DAY CAKE INTO A
VEGETABLE!
WATCH!



"THEN I KNEW WHY ROLLO HAD NO
GUESTS AND WHY THE BUTLER QUIT."

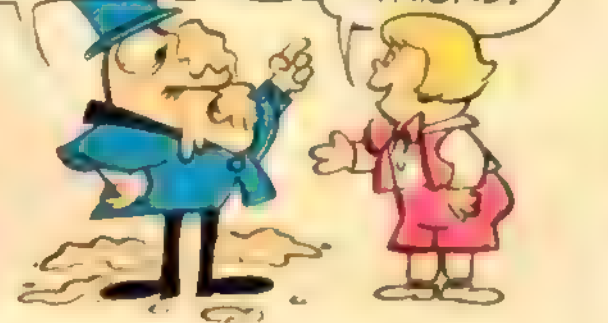
SQUASH! GET IT!?

I GOT IT!
?ULO!?



ROLLO! WHERE
ARE YOUR
PARENTS?

THEY'RE OUT BUY-
ING A NEW YACHT!
LET'S SEE YOUR
TRICKS!

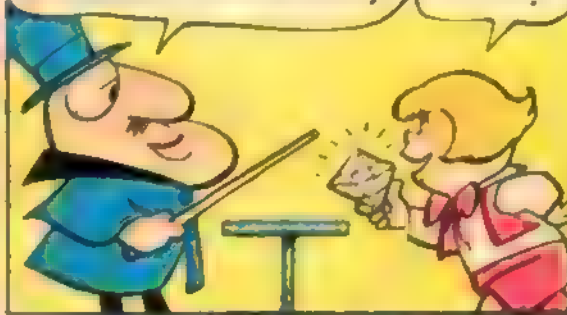


FOR THIS TRICK, I'LL NEED
A **LARGE** DIAMOND! DO
YOU HAVE ONE HANDY?

SURE!
DON'T GO
'WAY!



WILL THIS ONE DO? IT'S THE
EUREKA! THE BIGGEST
SCHMOPE DIAMOND! ONE WE
HAVE!

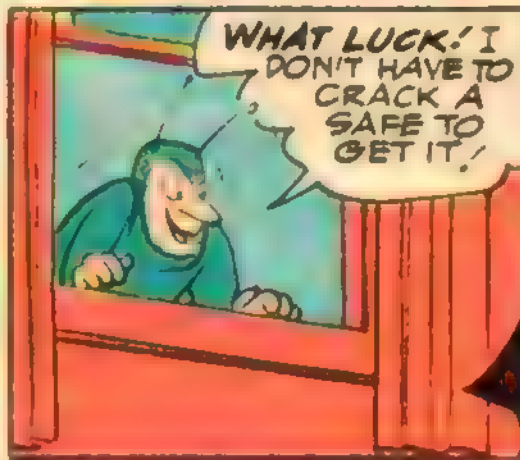


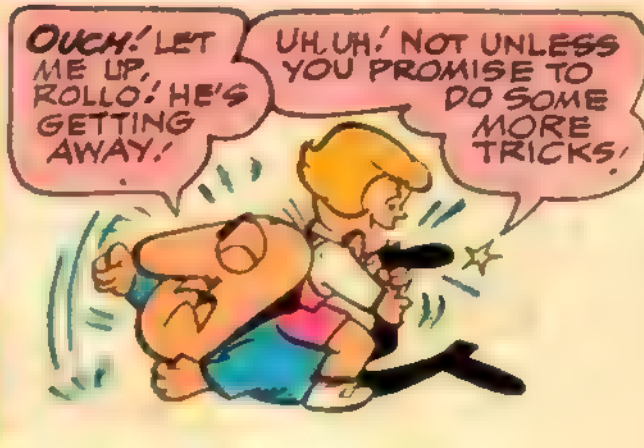
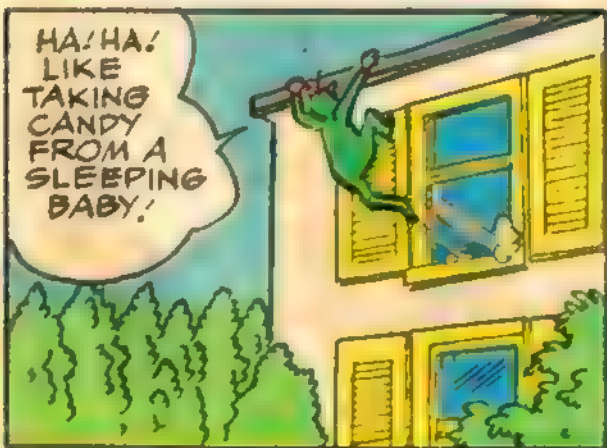
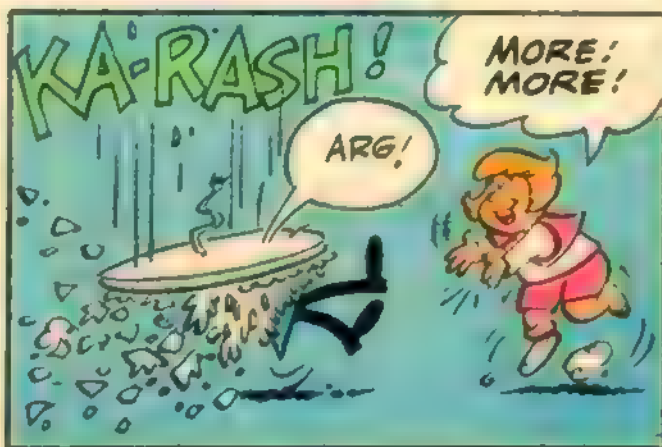
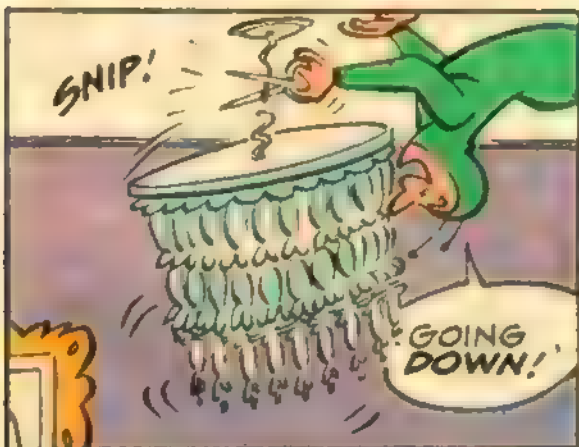
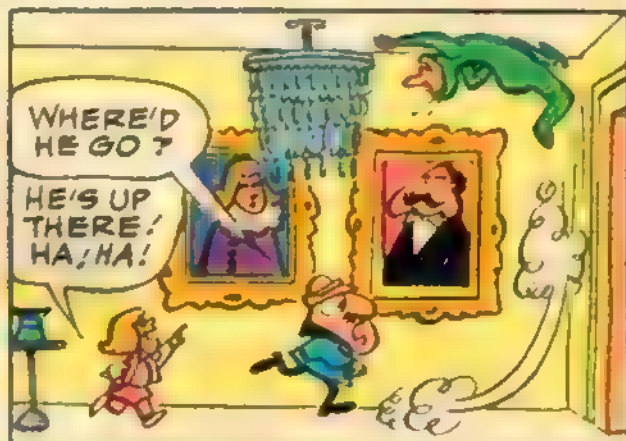
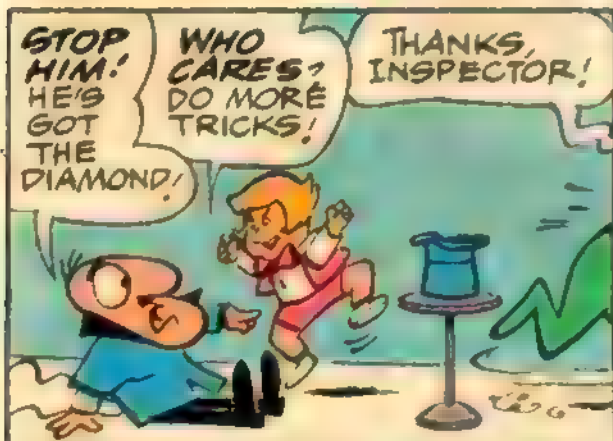
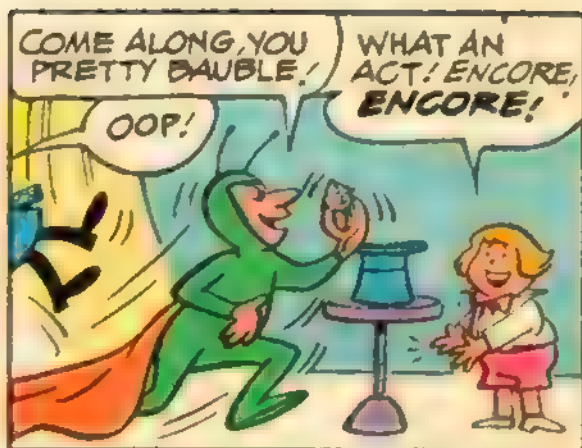
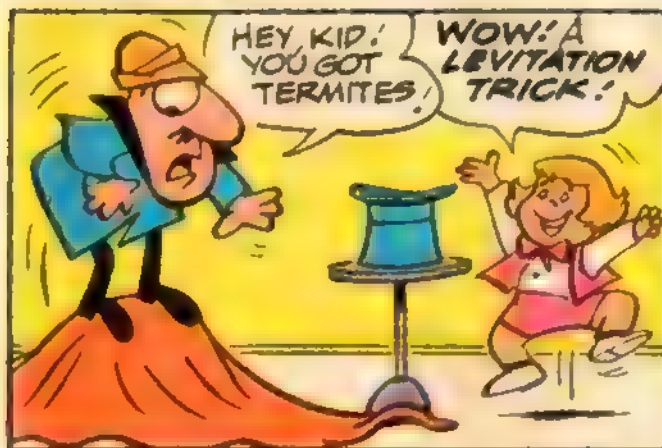
WATCH CLOSELY
WHILE I CHANGE
IT INTO A
RABBIT!

COULDN'T YOU CHANGE
IT INTO A TIGER? I
LIKE TIGERS BETTER!



WHAT LUCK! I
DON'T HAVE TO
CRACK A
SAFE TO
GET IT!

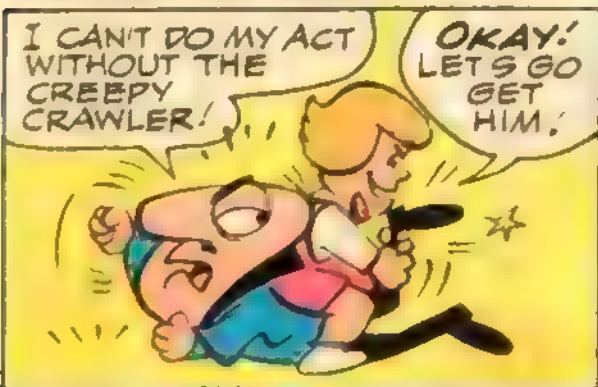




"I MANAGED TO TALK SOME SENSE INTO ROLLO!"

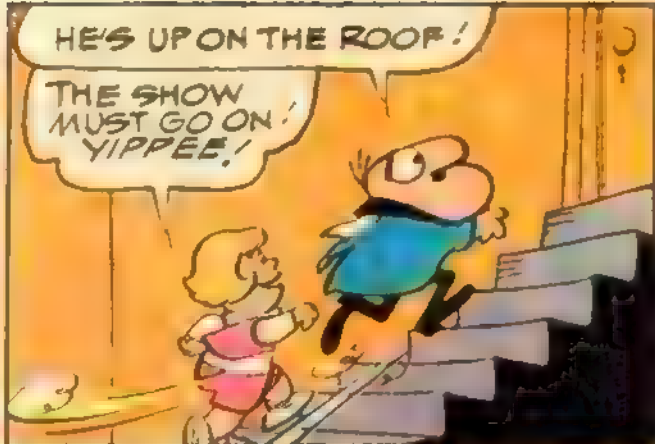
I CAN'T DO MY ACT WITHOUT THE CREEPY CRAWLER!

OKAY! LET'S GO GET HIM!



HE'S UP ON THE ROOF!

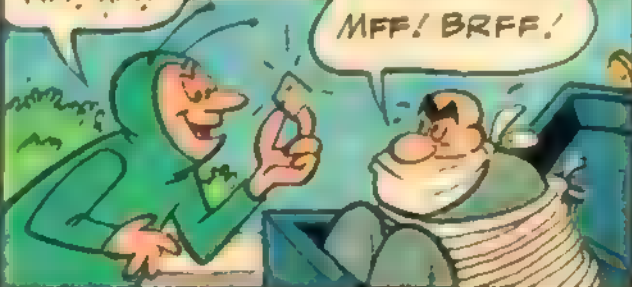
THE SHOW MUST GO ON! YIPPEE!



"MEANWHILE..."

I'VE GOT THE SCHMOPE DIAMOND, COMMISSIONER! I HOPE THE INSPECTOR FINDS YOU. HE'S A REAL GAS. HA, HA!

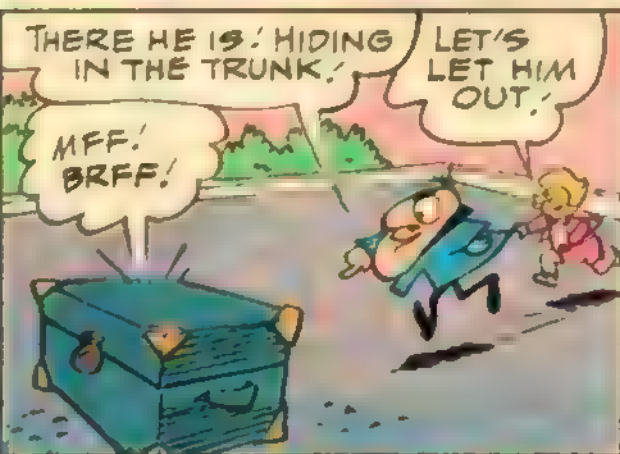
MFF! BRFF!



THERE HE IS! HIDING IN THE TRUNK!

LET'S LET HIM OUT!

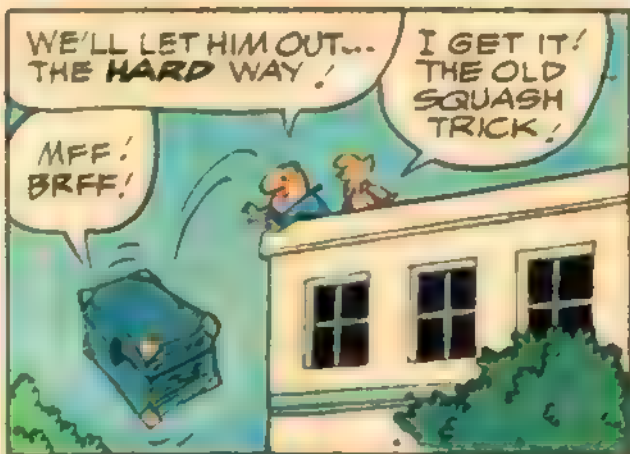
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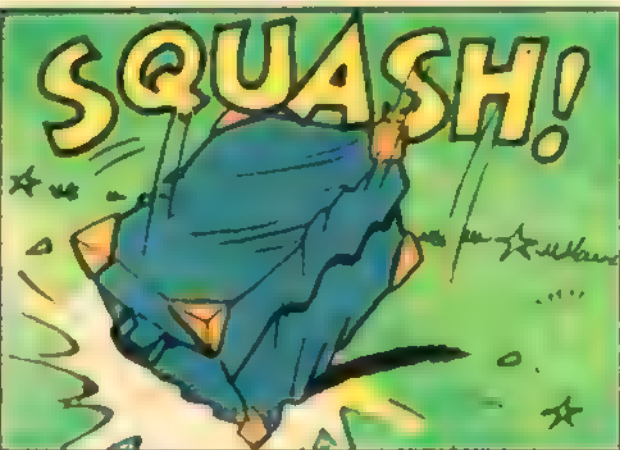
WE'LL LET HIM OUT... THE HARD WAY!

I GET IT! THE OLD SQUASH TRICK!

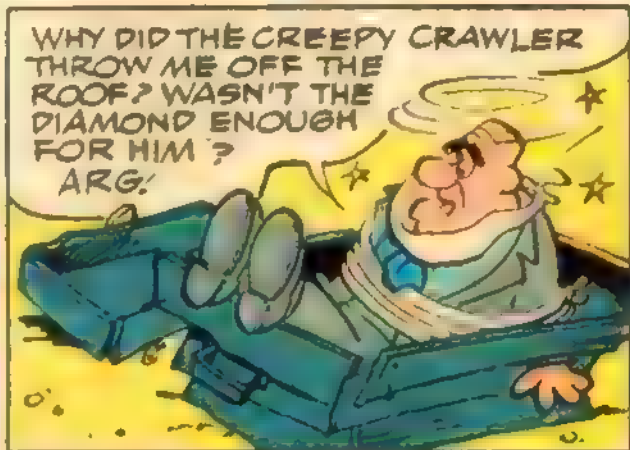
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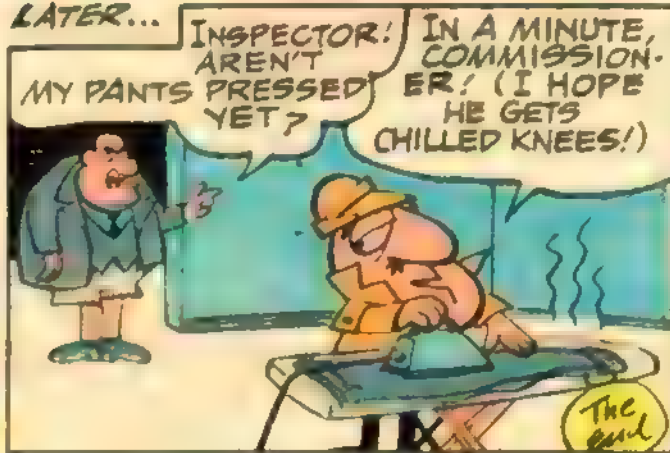
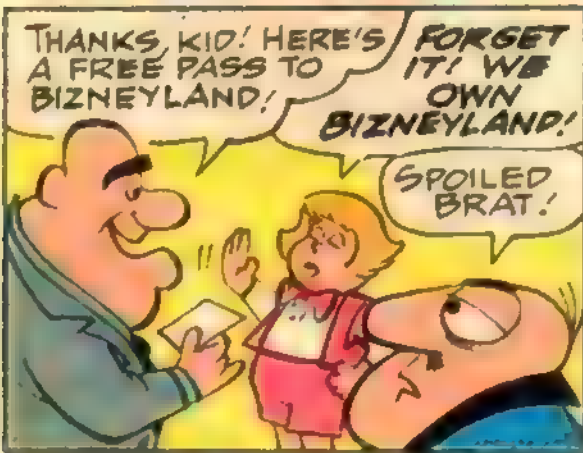
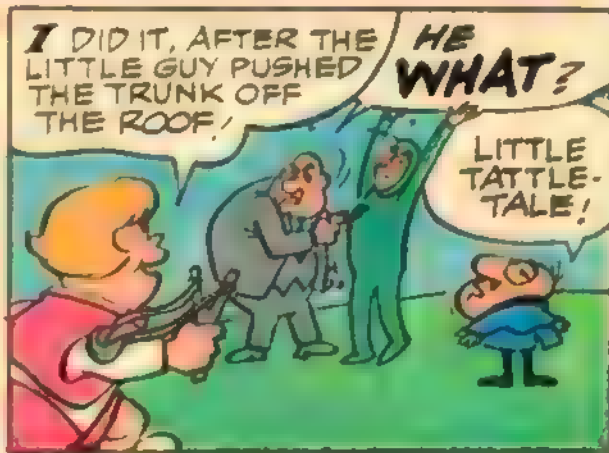
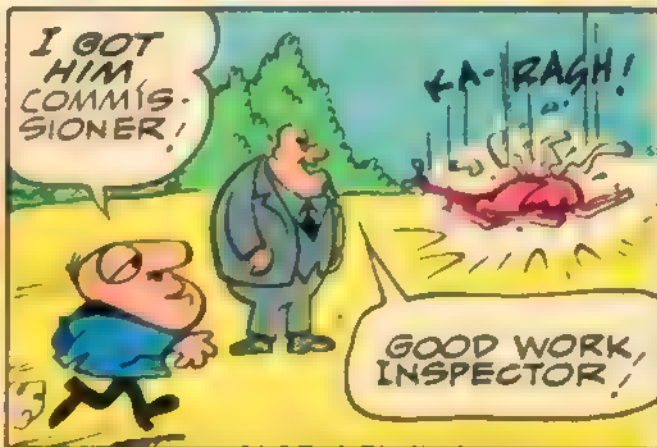
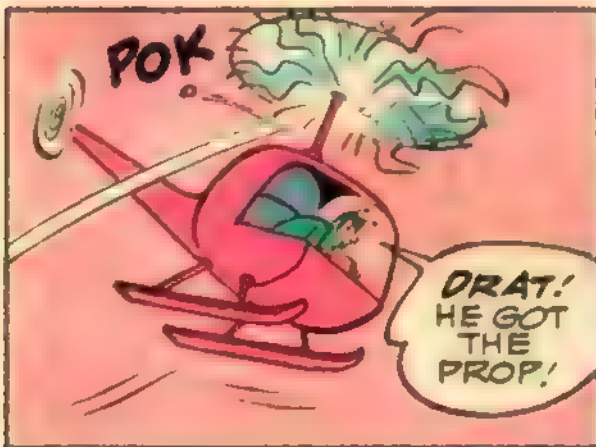
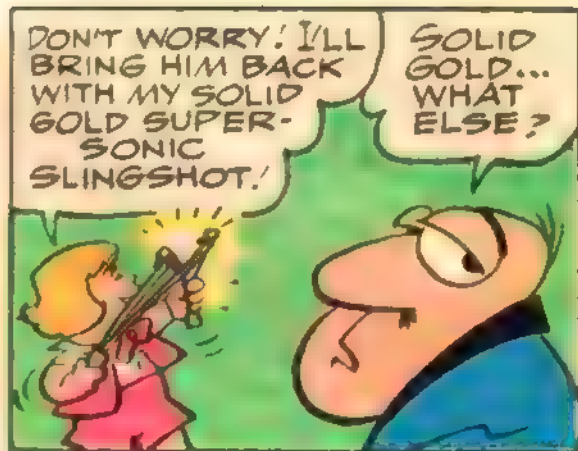
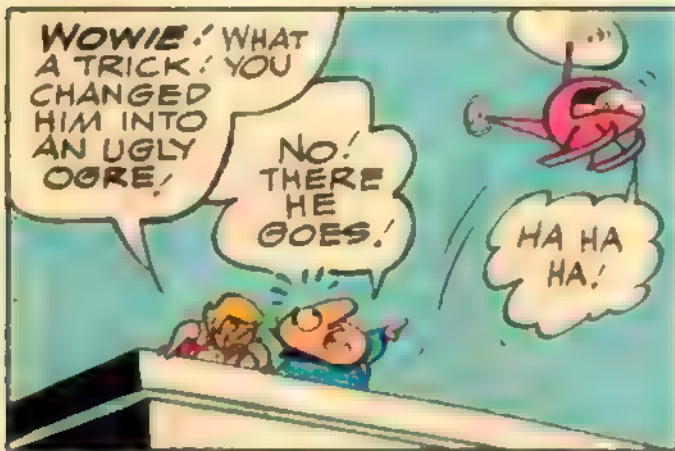


SQUASH!



WHY DID THE CREEPY CRAWLER THROW ME OFF THE ROOF? WASN'T THE DIAMOND ENOUGH FOR HIM? ARG!

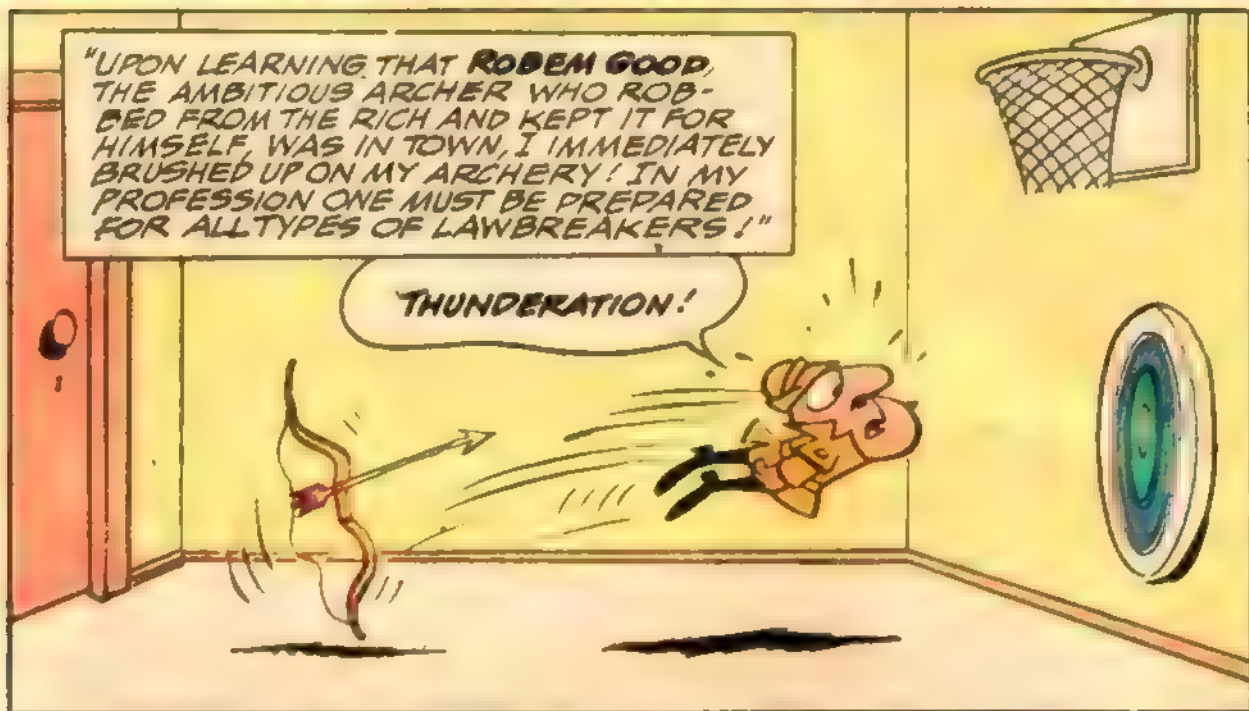




THE AMBITIOUS ARCHER

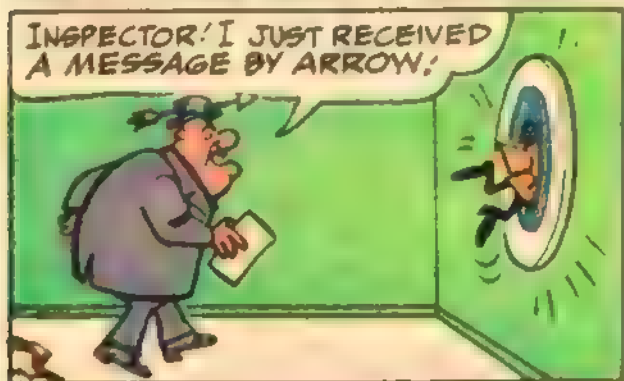
"UPON LEARNING THAT ROBEM GOOD, THE AMBITIOUS ARCHER WHO ROB-BED FROM THE RICH AND KEPT IT FOR HIMSELF, WAS IN TOWN, I IMMEDIATELY BRUSHED UP ON MY ARCHERY! IN MY PROFESSION ONE MUST BE PREPARED FOR ALL TYPES OF LAWBREAKERS!"

THUNDERATION!



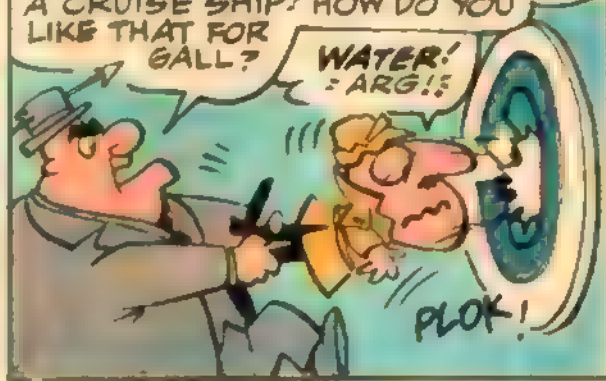
"THE COMMISSIONER ENTERED! HE WAS IN A FOUL MOOD! I KEPT QUIET!"

INSPECTOR! I JUST RECEIVED A MESSAGE BY ARROW!



ROBEM GOOD THREATENS TO ROB A CRUISE SHIP! HOW DO YOU LIKE THAT FOR GALL?

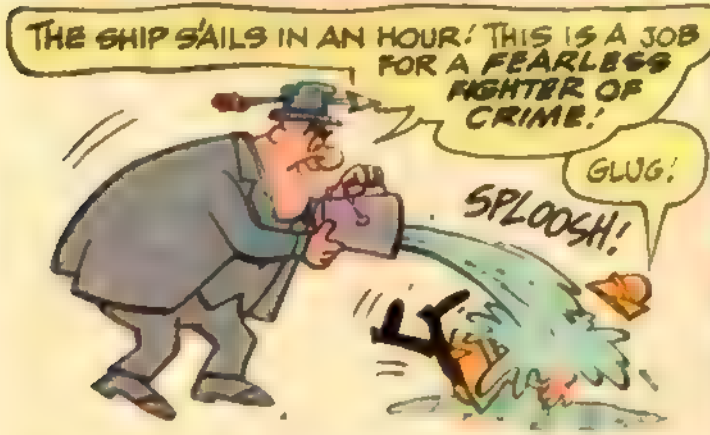
WATER! ARG!



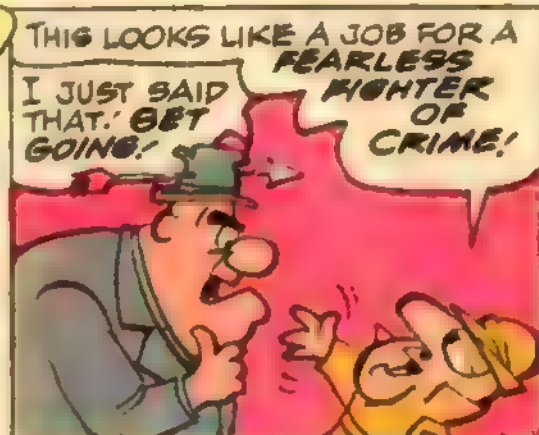
THE SHIP SAILS IN AN HOUR! THIS IS A JOB FOR A FEARLESS FIGHTER OF CRIME!

GLUG!

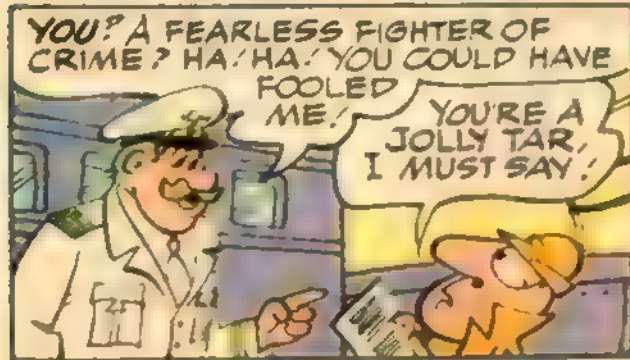
SPLOOSH!



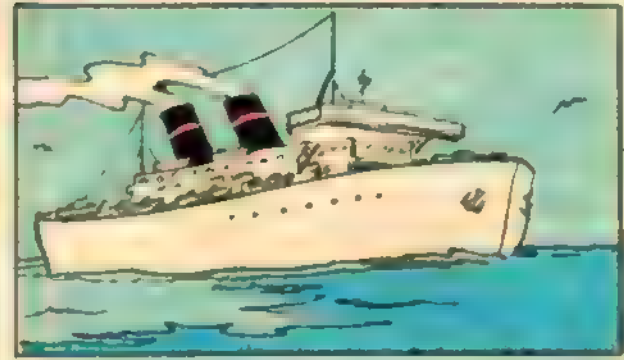
THIS LOOKS LIKE A JOB FOR A FEARLESS FIGHTER OF CRIME! I JUST SAID THAT! GET GOING!



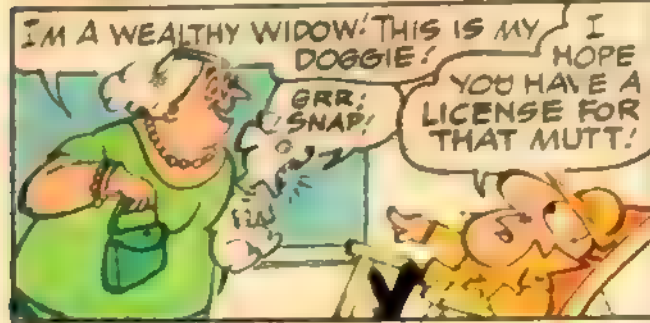
"I IDENTIFIED MYSELF TO THE CAPTAIN AND ASKED TO EXAMINE THE PASSENGER LIST."



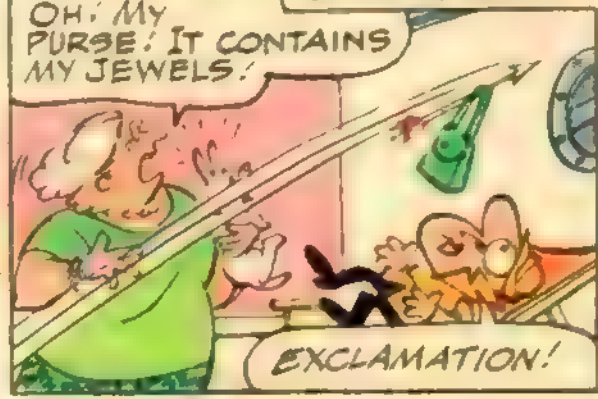
"THE PASSENGER LIST WAS LOADED WITH MILLIONAIRES... THE SHIP SET SAIL... I WAITED!"



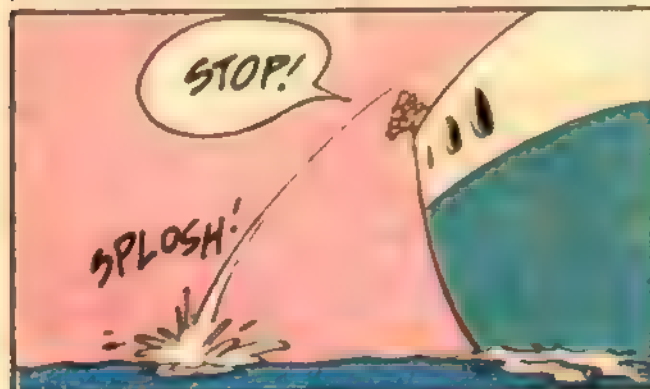
"THE FIRST DAY AT SEA, NOTHING HAPPENED. I WAS BEING CONSTANTLY APPROACHED BY WEALTHY WIDOWS... I COULDN'T BLAME THEM."



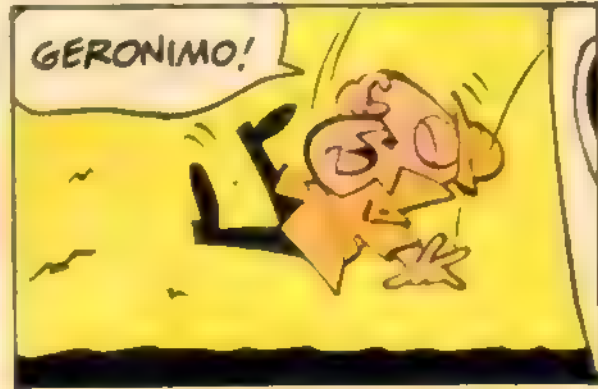
"THEN IT HAPPENED! ROBEH GOOD STRUCK!"



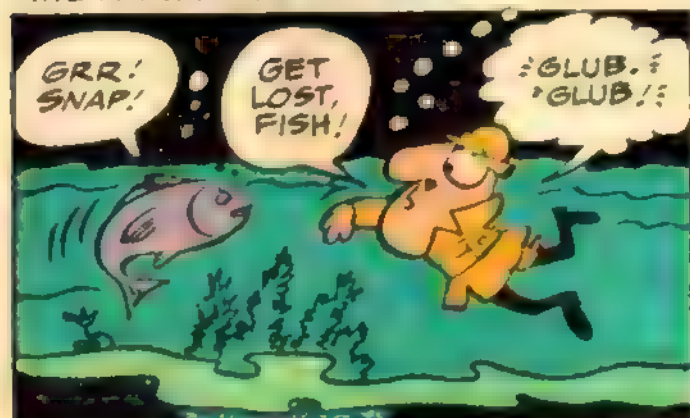
"THE ARROW DID A STRANGE THING! IT BOOMERANGED BACK INTO THE SEA!"



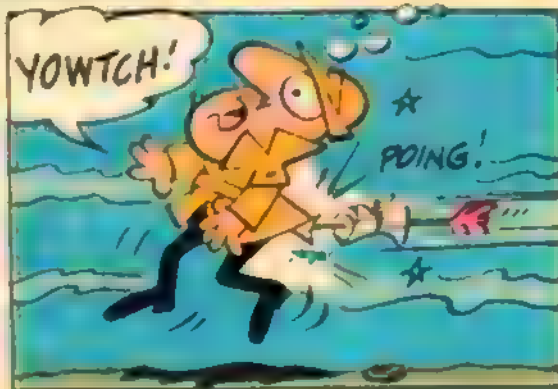
"BEING A SUPERB WATER ATHLETE, I DIVED IN."



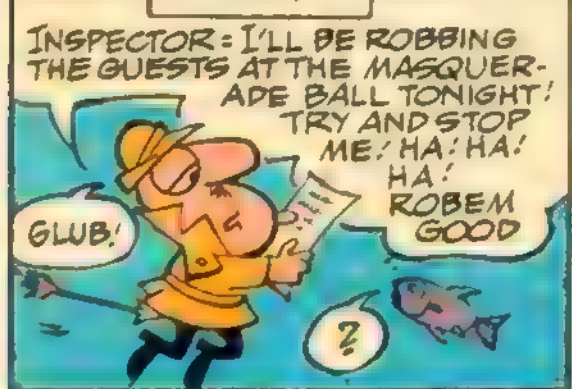
"THE ARROW WAS NOWHERE IN SIGHT!"



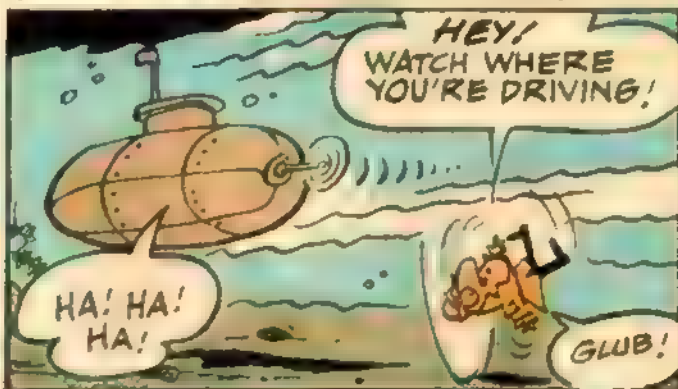
"BUT I DID GET EVIDENCE THAT ROBEH GOOD WAS NOT TOO FAR AWAY!"



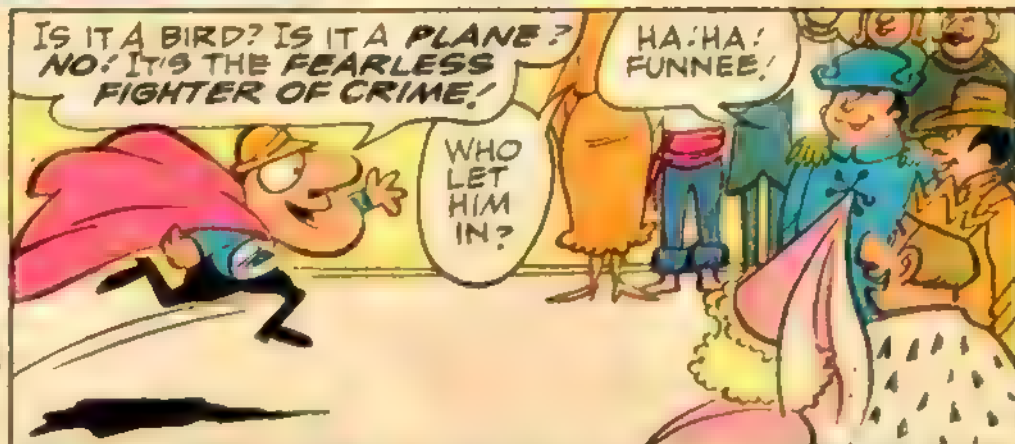
"IT WAS A PERSONAL MESSAGE
TO ME!"



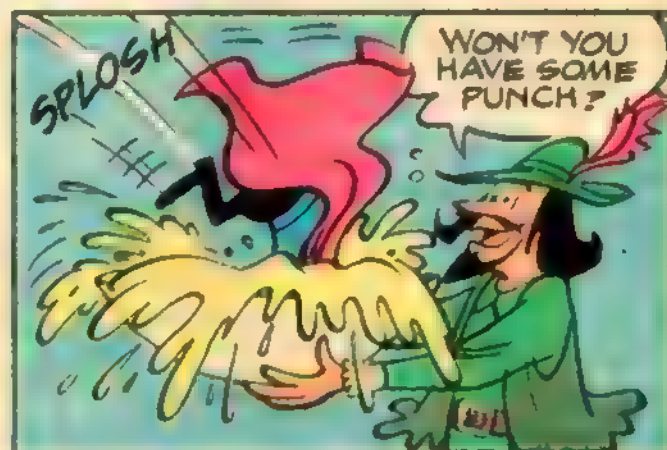
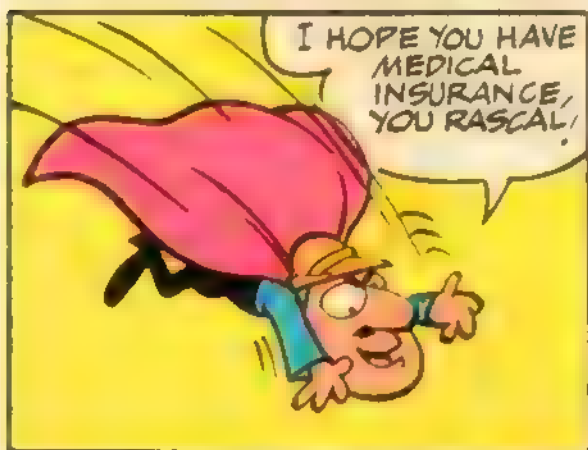
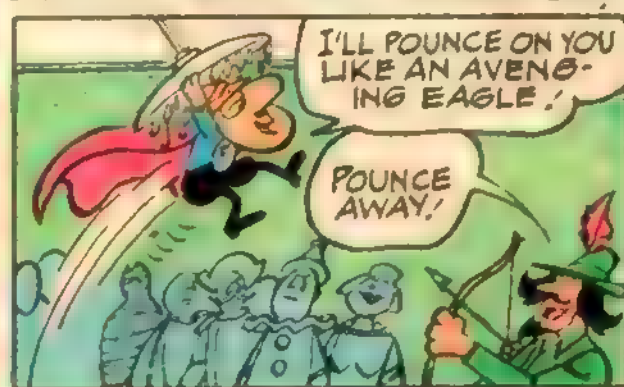
"I QUICKLY DISCOVERED HIS HIDING
PLACE! IT WAS A SMALL SUB!"



"AS I
ENTERED THE
MASQUER-
ADE BALL
THAT NIGHT,
I LEFT LITTLE
DOUBT AS TO
MY TRUE
IDENTITY!
IT WOULD
GIVE THE
PASSENGERS
CONFIDENCE!"



"THE MOMENT OF TRUTH HAD ARRIVED!
I LEAPED HIGH ONTO A CHANDELIER!"



"I MADE THE MISTAKE OF PAUSING FOR A GLASS OF PUNCH! HE TOOK ADVANTAGE OF IT."

EVERYBODY WILL PLEASE HOLD THEIR VALUABLES HIGH OVER THEIR HEADS!

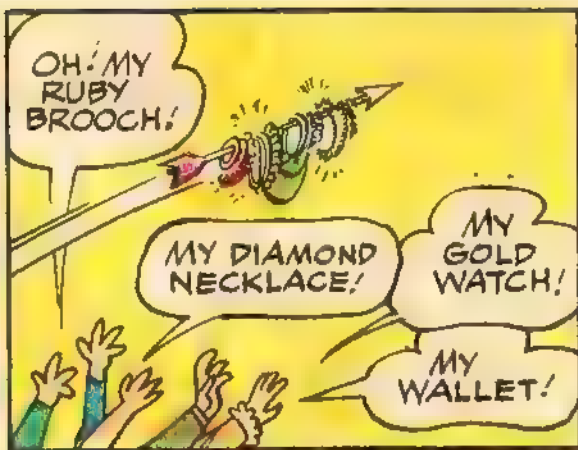


OH! MY RUBY BROOCH!

MY DIAMOND NECKLACE!

MY GOLD WATCH!

MY WALLET!

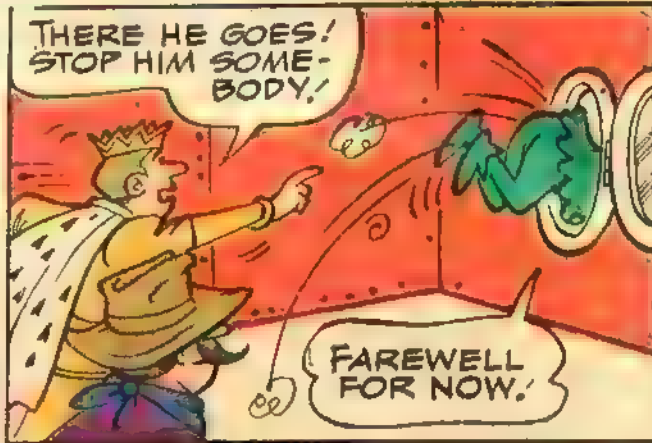


THANK YOU ALL FOR A PROFITABLE EVENING!



THERE HE GOES! STOP HIM SOMEBODY!

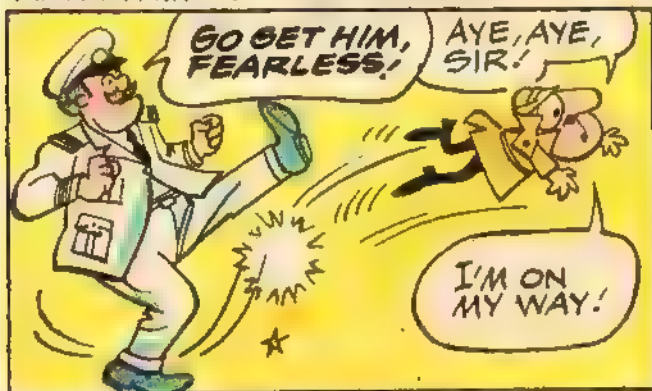
FAREWELL FOR NOW!



"THE CAPTAIN PLEADED WITH ME TO GO AFTER HIM. I ACQUIESCED."

GO GET HIM, FEARLESS!

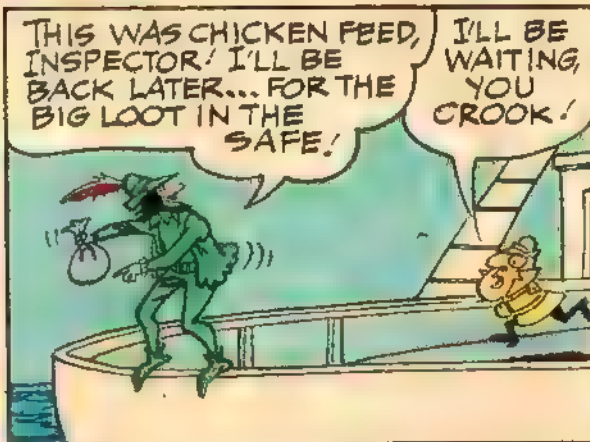
AYE, AYE, SIR!



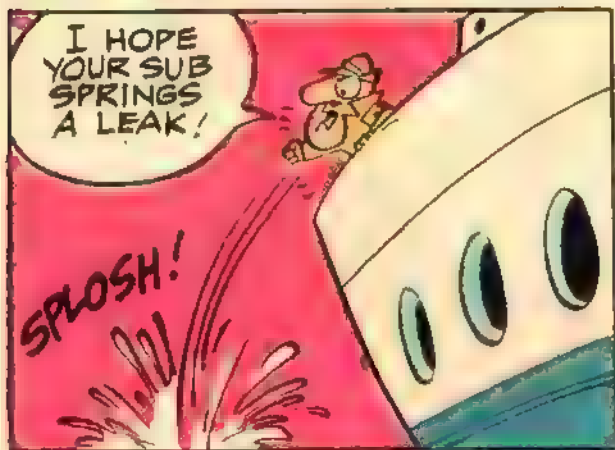
I'M ON MY WAY!

THIS WAS CHICKEN FEED, INSPECTOR! I'LL BE BACK LATER... FOR THE BIG LOOT IN THE SAFE!

I'LL BE WAITING, YOU CROOK!

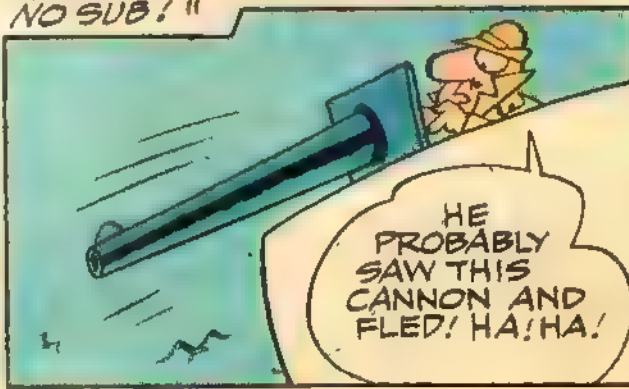


I HOPE YOUR SUB SPRINGS A LEAK!



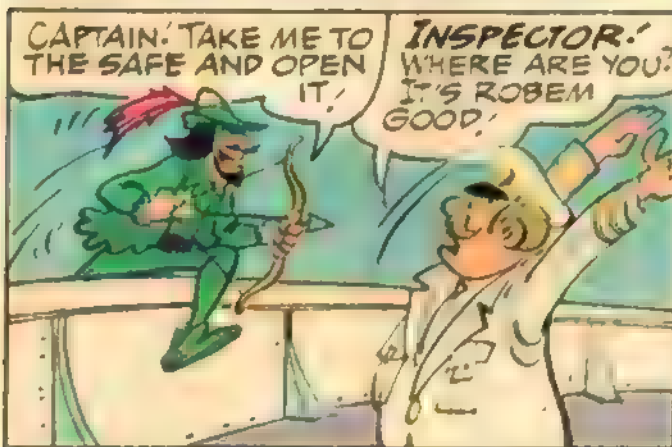
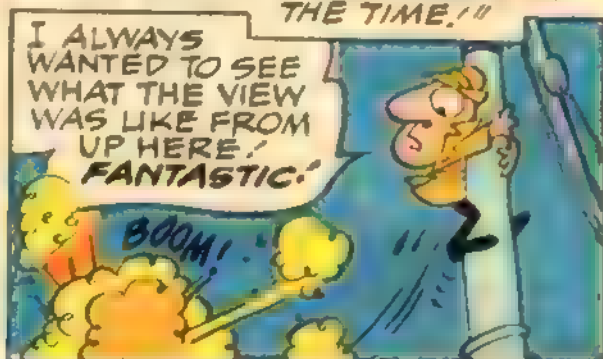
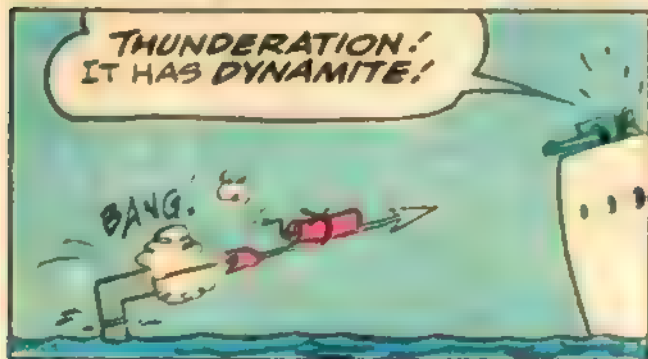
"I WAS PREPARED FOR THE SUB TO SURFACE. I WAITED FOR HOURS! NO SUB!"

HE PROBABLY SAW THIS CANNON AND FLED! HA! HA!

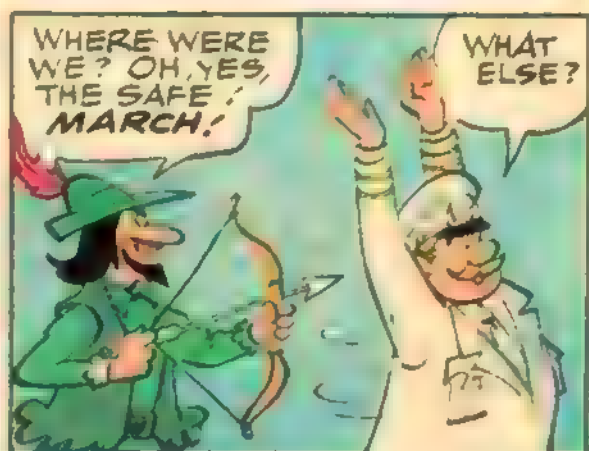
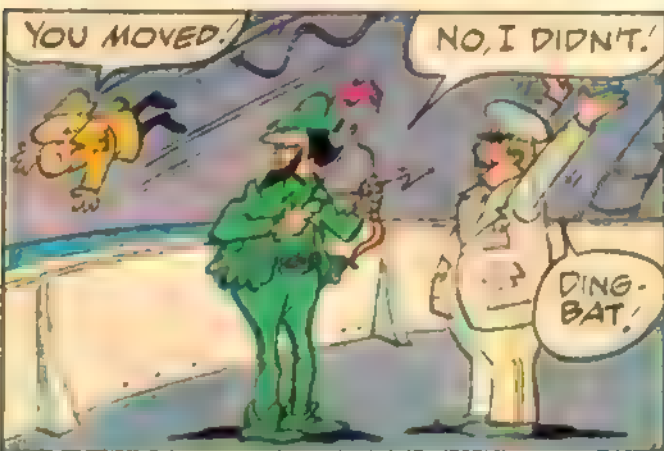


"SOON, MY VIGILANCE WAS REWARDED:
BUT TO NO AVAIL... AS HE SHOT ONE OF
HIS SUPER-FLEX ARROWS AT MY CANNON."

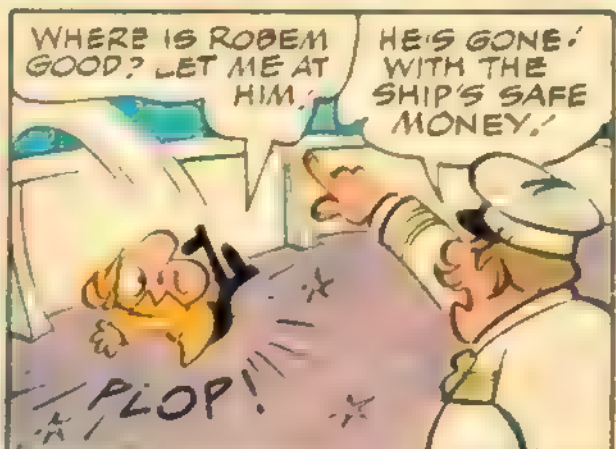
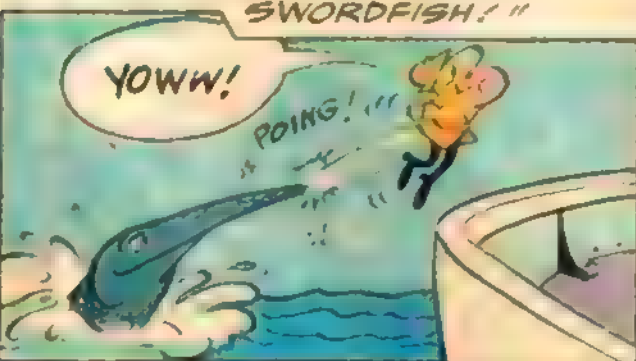
"IT ENTERED MY CANNON AND
EXPLODED." LUCKILY FOR ME, I
WAS OCCUPIED ELSEWHERE AT
THE TIME."

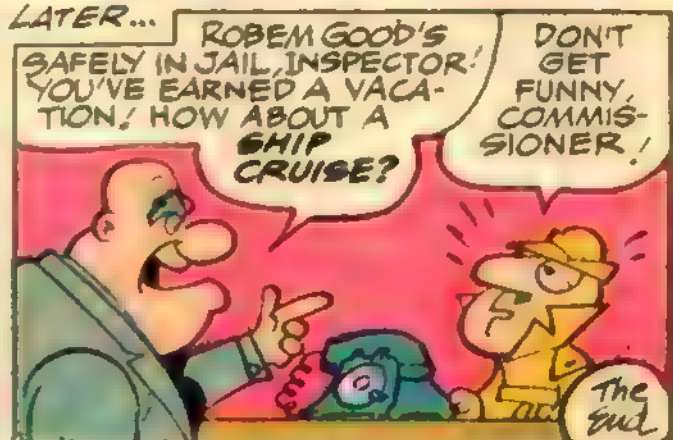
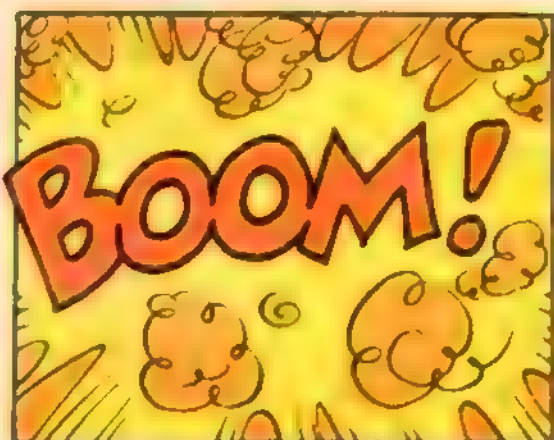
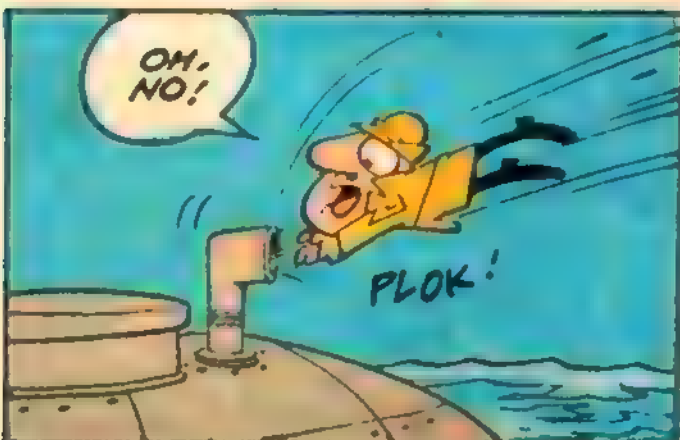
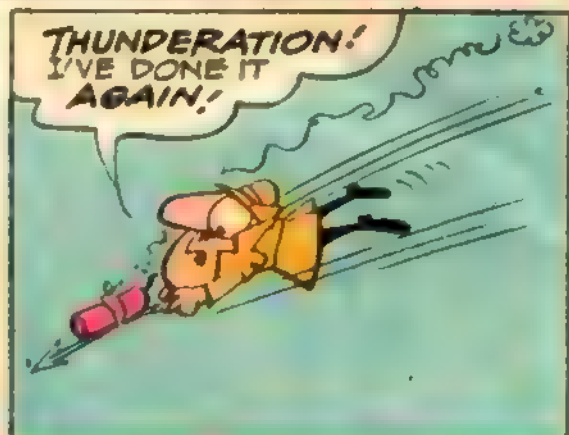
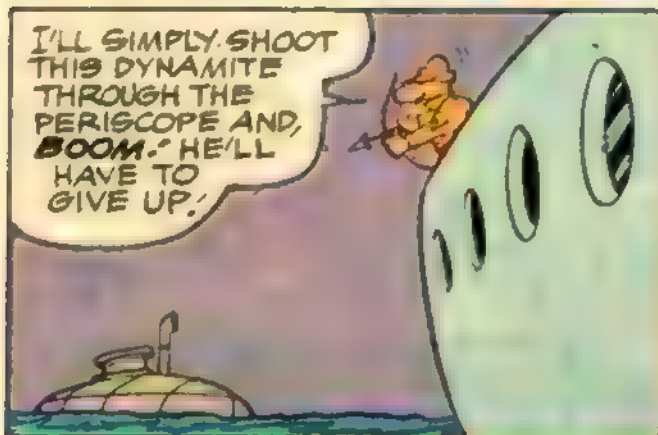
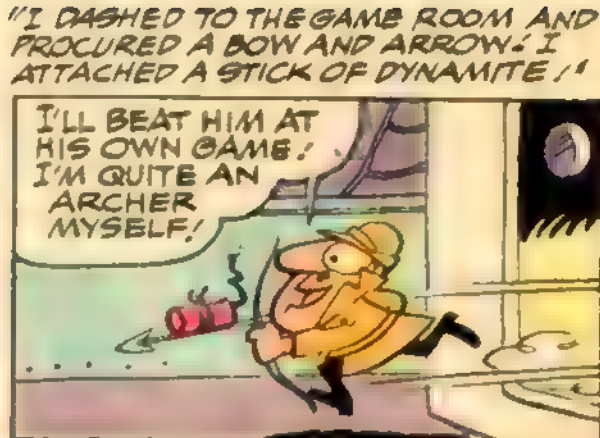
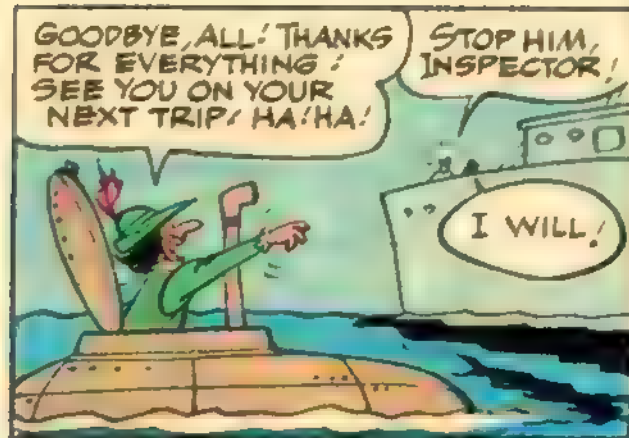


"THE ERROL FLYNN MOVIES I'D
SEEN AS A KID STOOD ME IN
GOOD STEAD!"



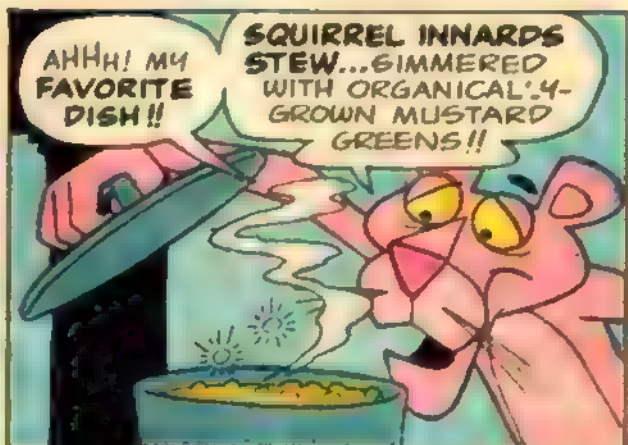
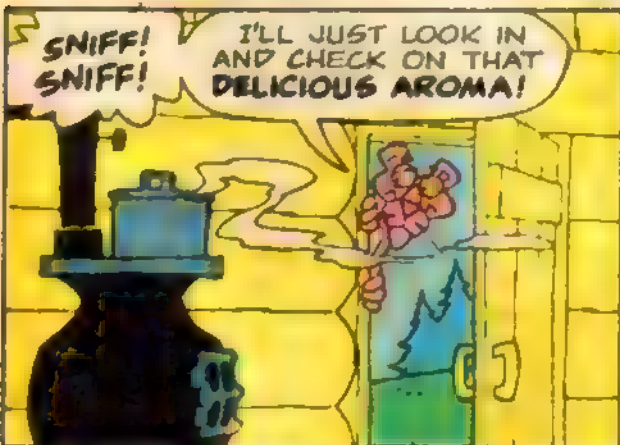
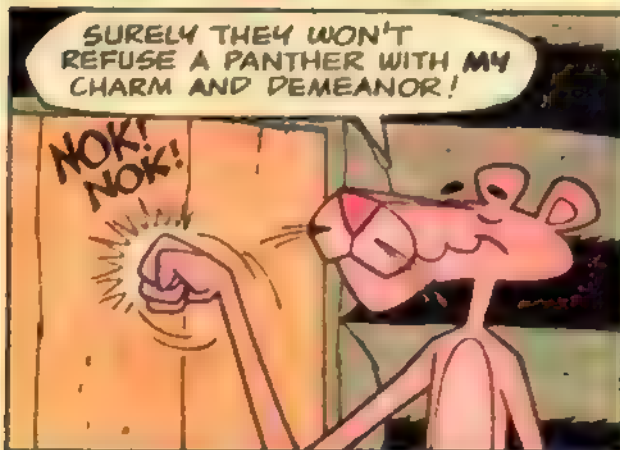
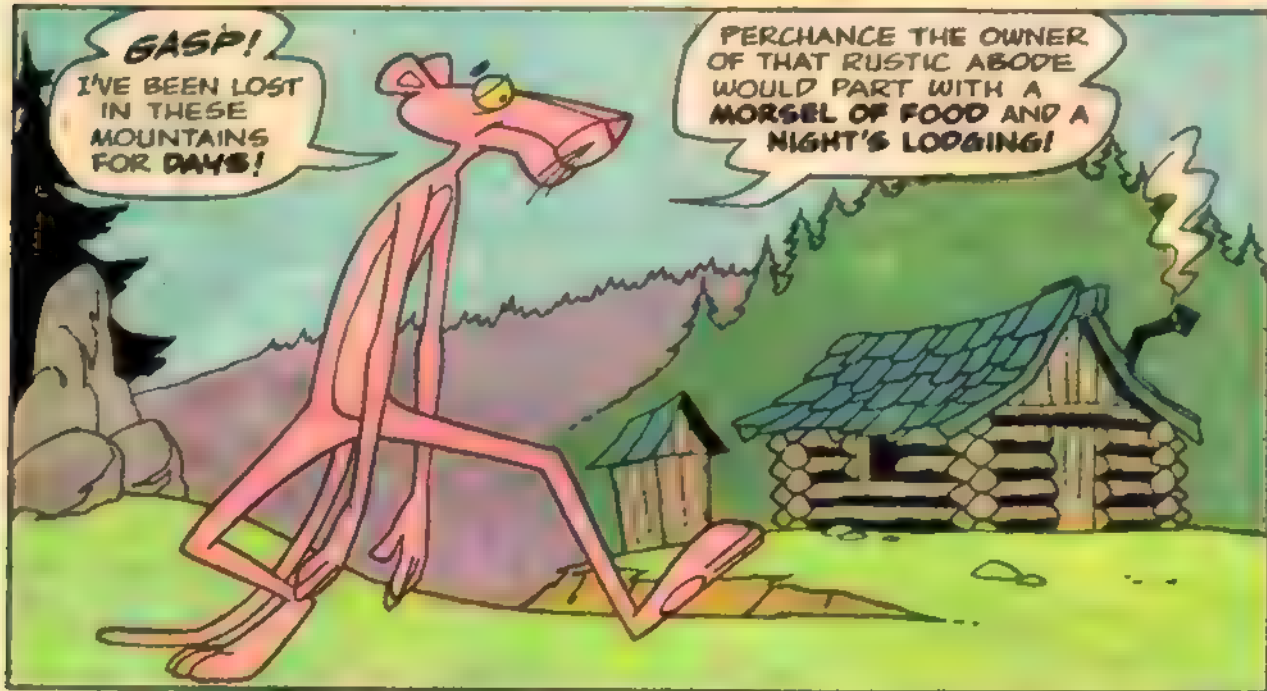
"AFTER A SPELL IN THE OCEAN I
MANAGED TO SCRAMBLE ABOARD,
WITH THE HELP OF A FRIENDLY
SWORDFISH."

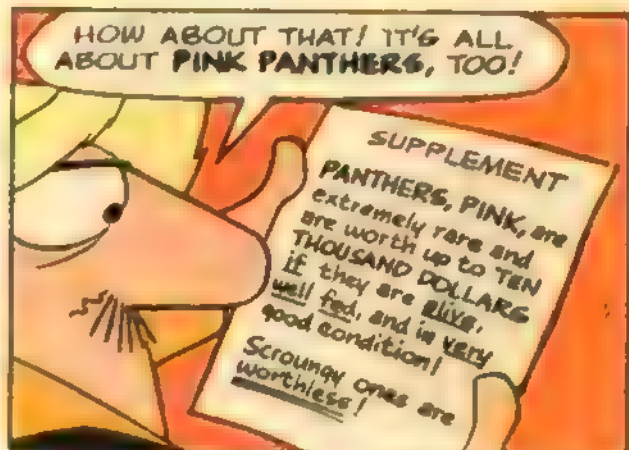
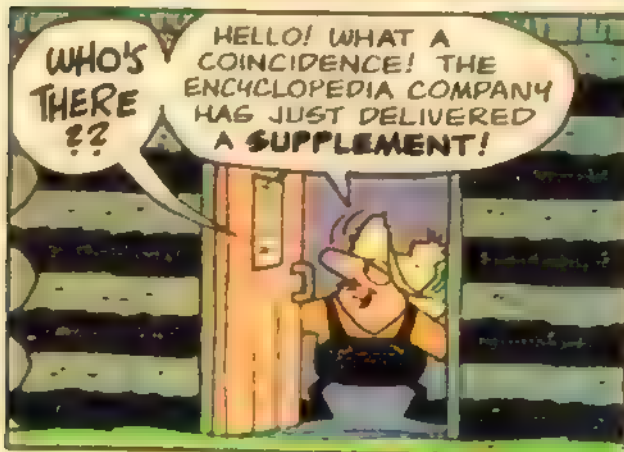
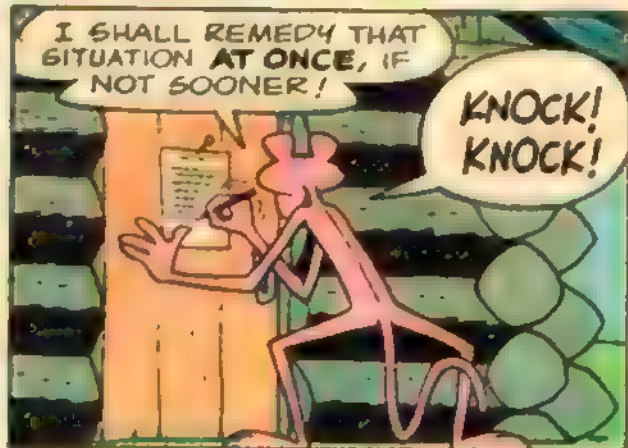
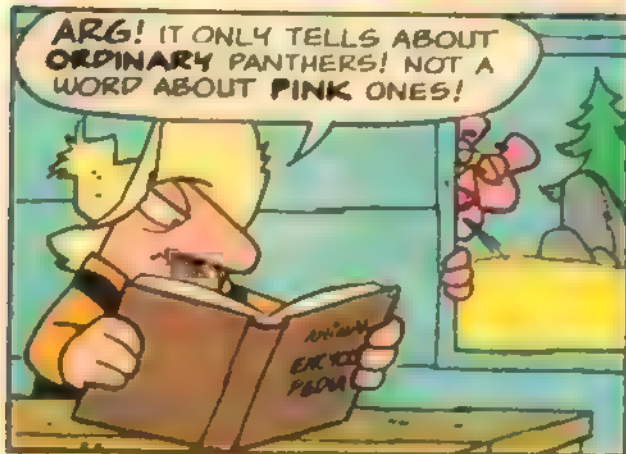
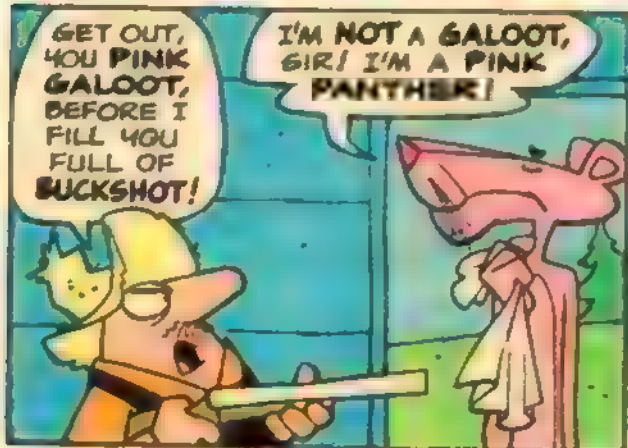
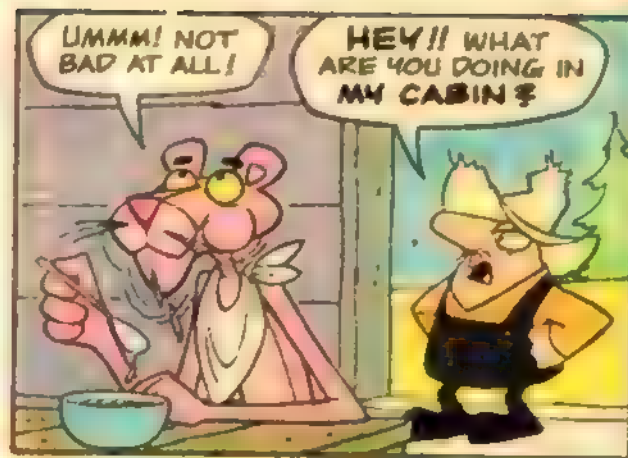
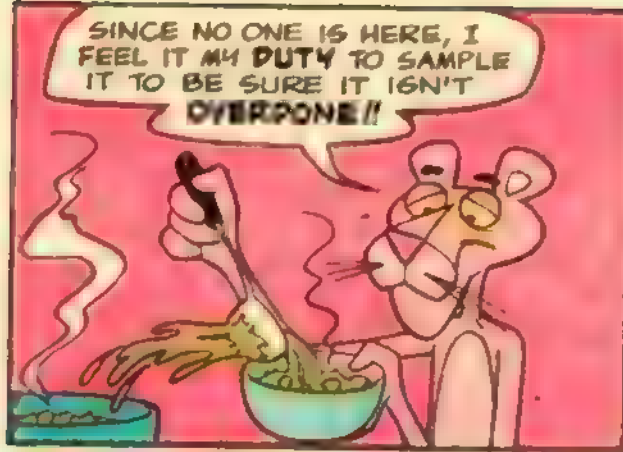


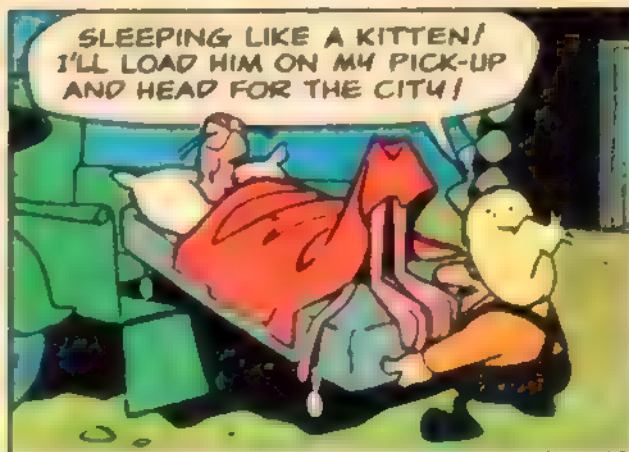
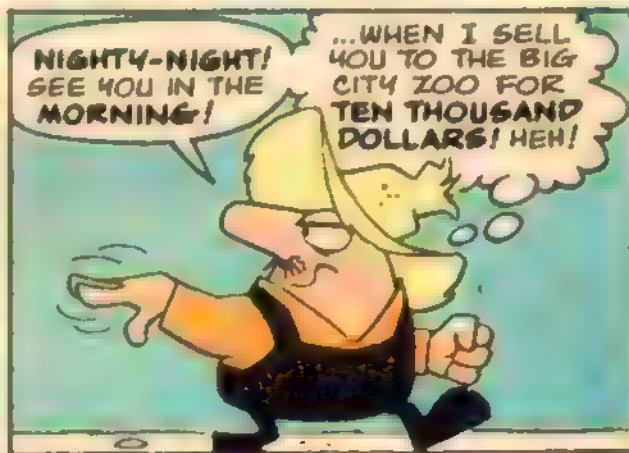
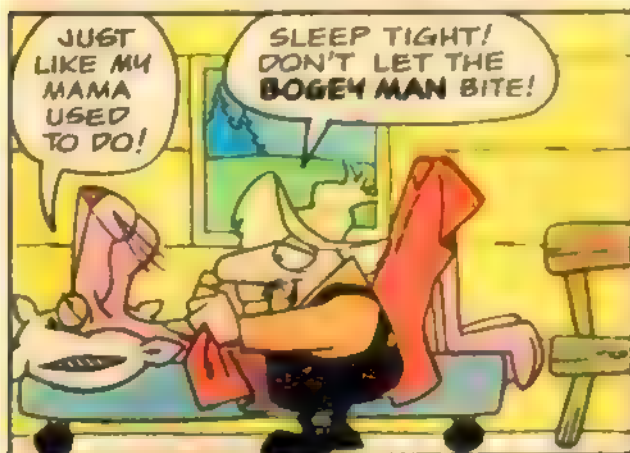
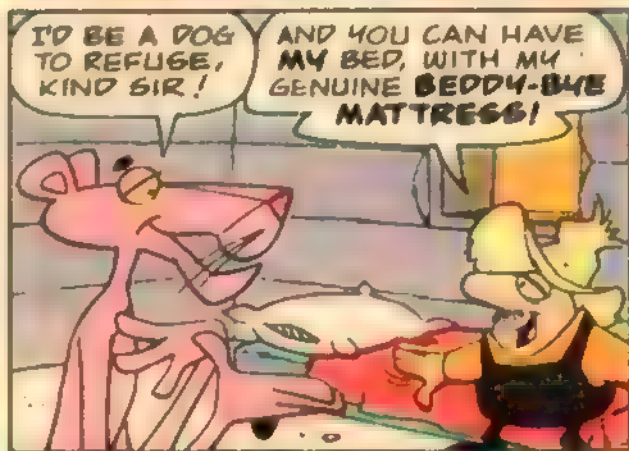
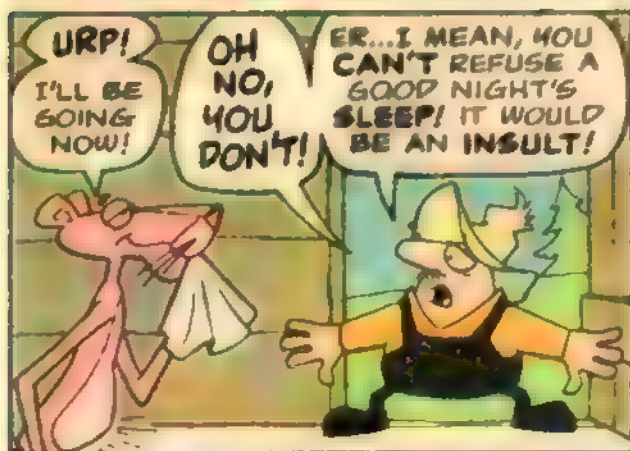
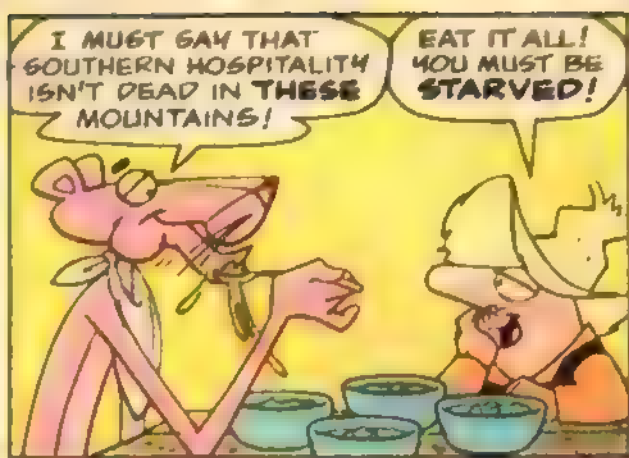


THE PINK PANTHER

SPRING FEVER







WITH THE MONEY I GET
FOR OL' PINKY, I CAN
BECOME A CITY-TYPE
SLICKER!!



HMM
??

THE WAY THIS BED
IS BOUNCING, WE
MUST BE HAVING AN
EARTHQUAKE!



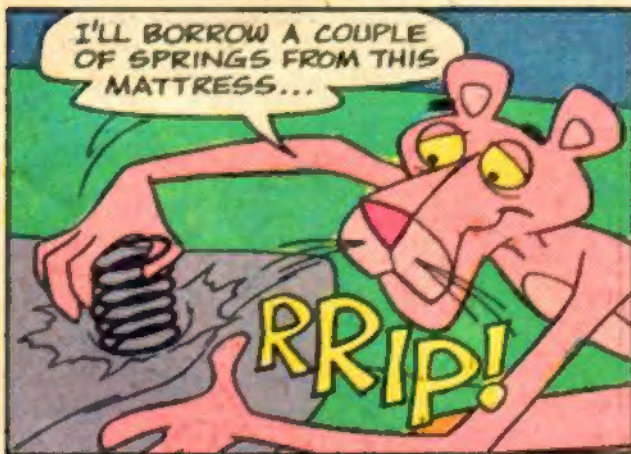
WHAT'S HAPPENING??
I DON'T LIKE THIS!



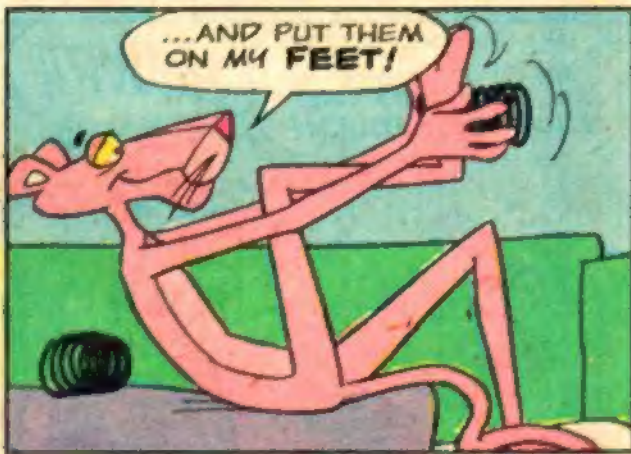
I'D BETTER GET OUT OF HERE!
BUT IF I JUMP AT THIS SPEED, I
COULD BREAK MY WHOLE BODY!!



I'LL BORROW A COUPLE
OF SPRINGS FROM THIS
MATTRESS...



...AND PUT THEM
ON MY FEET!



SO LONG! AND
THANKS FOR
EVERYTHING!!

?



COME BACK HERE,
YOU UNGRATEFUL
TECHNICOLOR
CATAMOUNT!!

ARG! I'LL
NEVER CATCH
HIM THIS
WAY!

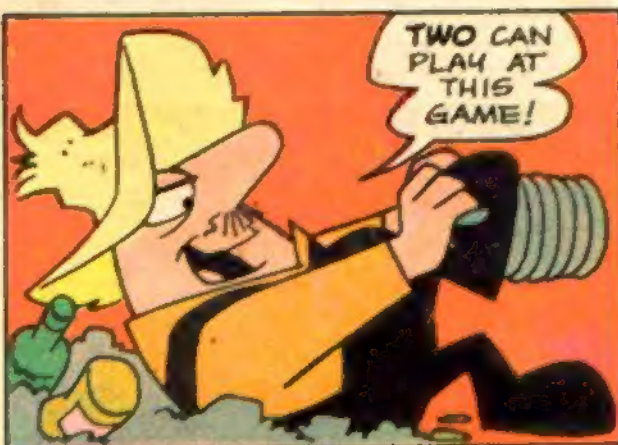


BUT THOSE HEAVY-DUTY
TRUCK SPRINGS GIVE
ME AN IDEA!

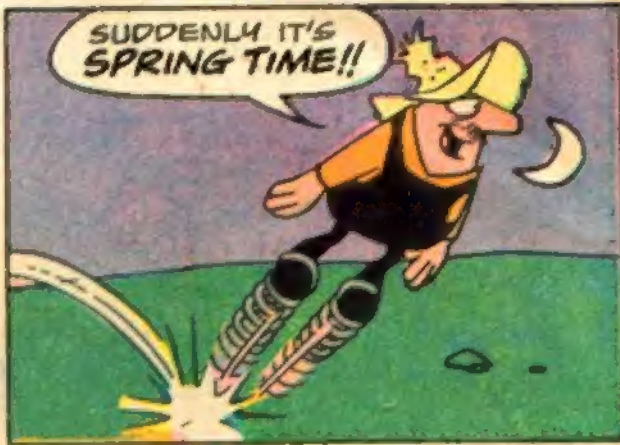
COUNTY
DUMP.



TWO CAN
PLAY AT
THIS
GAME!



SUDDENLY IT'S
SPRING TIME!!



YOU'RE FINISHED,
PANTHER! GIVE UP
AND COME TO THE
ZOO PEACEFULLY!

4OWP!!



HEAVENS TO BETSY!...HE WASTED
NO TIME IN TRYING TO CAPITALIZE
ON THAT PHONEY "SUPPLEMENT"!



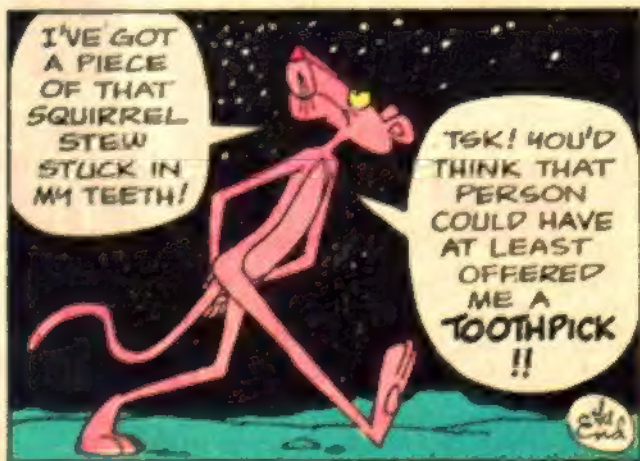
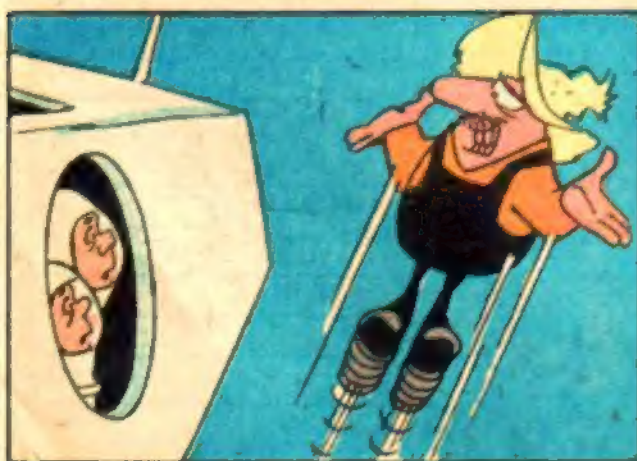
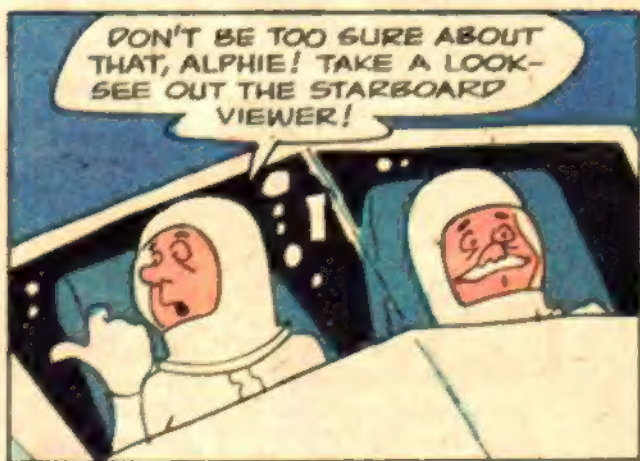
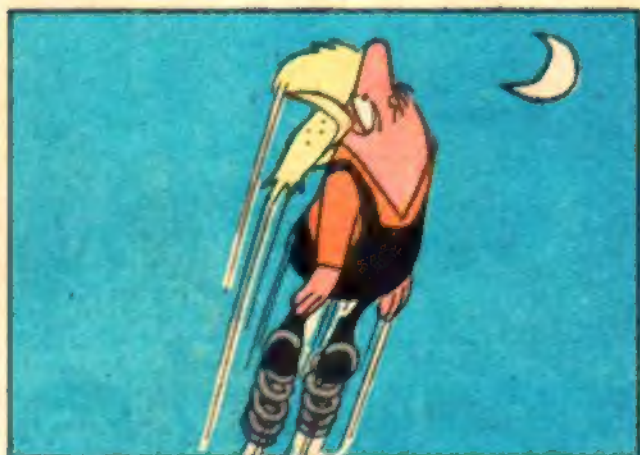
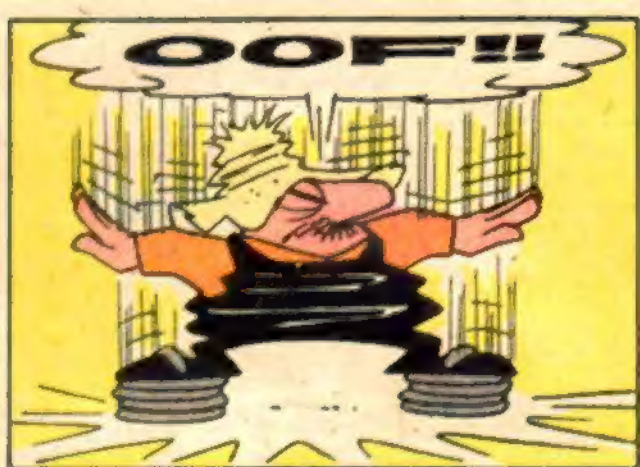
I'VE GOT YOU NOW,
YOU PINK RASCAL!

OH, OH!



A CLIFF!!





A
VIGILANTE
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DCP Scan



GRAY MORGAN